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Falklanders delighted by Thatcher's secret visit

By Alan Hamilton

To the surprise and dismay of her adversaries at home and abroad, Mrs Margaret Thatcher has travelled in secret half way across the world to a warm and spontaneous welcome from the people of the Falkland Islands.

Her visit, 150 years after the British drove out the Argentines in 1833 and seven months after they repeated the exercise, has been condemned as provocative and arrogant in Buenos Aires and, at home, derided by the Opposition as a diversionary tactic.

Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, Labour frontbench spokesman on foreign affairs, accused the Prime Minister yesterday of trying to divert attention from the forthcoming Franks report, which would probably point a finger of accusation at her and her Government for their inactivity in the period before the Argentine invasion.

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for West Lothian and the most dogged critic of the Government's conduct of the Falklands campaign, said yesterday that the visit was profoundly ill advised, carrying great personal risk for Mrs Thatcher and provoking fury throughout Latin America at the arrival of a colonial conqueror.

The Prime Minister's progress, however, has been undeniably triumphal, and a considerably better kept secret than last year's Argentine invasion plans.

Accompanied by her husband, Mr Denis Thatcher, Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, First Sea lord, and a small posse of officials, Mrs Thatcher left Brize Norton in an RAF VC10 at 9 pm on friday for a 10-hour flight to Ascension Island. After a one-hour stop the party continued on a 13-hour flight by a Hercules transport aircraft, whose unbearably noisy and spartan interior had been equipped with a small personal cabin for the Prime Minister.

During the flight the Hercules was refuelled twice in mid-air, and was accompanied by two armed Phantom aircraft.

Local people line route into town

The first that the Falklanders knew of the approach of their heroine was 90 minutes before her aircraft touched down at Port Stanley. Staff at the local radio station were told by Ministry of Defence officials at Stanley, and an immediate broadcast ensured that the pitted and cratered road from the airport to the town was lined with several hundred Kelpers.

She was met by Sir Rex Hunt, the civil commissioner, and Lady Hunt, and she and Mr Thatcher were driven to town in the now familiar Falklands limousine, a maroon London taxi.

What should have been a five-minute journey took nearly half an hour as the taxi avoided the potholes of war, and stopped twice as people crowded round. She was hugged and embraced, and presented with red roses; no attempt was made to clear the crowds away.

Asked if her visit would not be viewed as a provocative gesture by Argentina, the Prime Minister replied: "It would be very strange if I did not come to the Falkland Islands, very strange indeed".

The spontaneous reception obviously delighted her, and one Falklander, talking to *The Times* by telephone yesterday, remarked: "They didn't even turn out to cheer the Duke of Edinburgh when he came here in 1957".

Mrs Thatcher told the islanders yesterday that the worst week in her life was when she heard the Argentine invasion force was on its way.

She also spoke of her "three great experiences" in the affair: when she heard of the invasion; when she was told that the Argentine surrender flags were flying over Port Stanley; and her present visit.

After spending the night at Government House, Mrs Thatcher began her second day, yesterday, by taking a short flight in a Sea King helicopter of 202 Squadron to RAF Stanley, remarking to Flight Lieutenant John Prince, the pilot, on the beauty of the weather and the view.

At the RAF base she toured Phantom and Harrier detachments and watched a practice scramble by two Phantoms. She climbed a temporary staging fashioned from packing cases to talk eye-to-eye with one of the Phantom pilots seated in his cockpit.

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Visit 'a violation of Argentine rights'

The Prime Minister's visit to the Falklands was "an act of provocation and arrogance", Argentina said yesterday, calling her presence there "yet another flagrant violation of Argentina's sovereign rights" (our Foreign Staff write). Señor Juan Ramon Aguirre Lanari, the Foreign Minister, said that Mrs Thatcher's visit "underlines the only title Britain possesses to the islands, that of force". Argentina firmly maintained its claim of "sovereignty over the Malvinas in the expectation that the civilized international community will give its support".





The Prime Minister and her husband at Government House with Sir Rex and Lady Hunt and (below) Mrs Thatcher chatting with a child who had presented her with a pink rose.

Missile case Irishmen to plead insanity

From Michael Hamlyn, New York

Two Irishmen accused of trying to buy missiles that would shoot down British helicopters in Northern Ireland have come up with an unusual defence. They intend to plead insanity.

Arguments over the defence tactic are due to take place today before a federal judge in Brooklyn. Colm Meehan, aged 36, and his brother, Eamonn Meehan, aged 46, both citizens of Northern Ireland now living in Brooklyn, are to be tried with two other men, Andrew Duggan, 49, an Irish American of New City, New York state, and Gabriel Megahey, 39, who before his arrest is alleged to have identified himself to an FBI undercover team as the head of the provisional IRA in America.

Seven others who have been named in the case are still being sought. The ring is accused of trying to make arrangements last June with an FBI team posing as gun dealers. According to the FBI, they were willing to pay $50,000 (£31,200) to buy five Redeye surface-to-air missiles.

Mr David Lewis, the Meehan's lawyer, said the arguments over the insanity pleas were scheduled separately because the prosecution was given notice of it late.

The insanity defence, if permitted, would be used to counter extensive government evidence, including video tapes of three meetings in May and June of last year in Manhattan and New Orleans.

Maxwell in talks on sale of 'Observer'

By Baron Phillips

Talks which could lead to the sale of *The Observer* newspaper are taking place, Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, the head of Lonrho, confirmed last night. The sale is also likely to include *The Sunday Standard*, *The Glasgow Herald* and a group of Scottish provincial newspapers.

A leading contender for the newspapers is Mr Robert Maxwell who owns the British Printing Communications Corporation. Mr Maxwell's desire to own a national newspaper is well known and a meeting took place recently between him and Mr Rowland when the sale of *The Observer* is thought to have been discussed.

Mr Rowland's decision to sell *The Observer* came as a surprise to journalists and directors. Speaking from his Buckinghamshire country home, Mr Rowland said: "If anyone wants to buy the papers and makes a fair offer then we will sell."

It is understood that Mr Rowland is seeking offers of between £45m and £50m for *The Observer* and the Scottish newspapers although City observers regard this as too high a price.

Mr Kenneth Clark, one of the independent directors appointed when Mr Rowland finally received Department of Trade approval for the acquisition of *The Observer* in July 1981, said the news came as a complete surprise to both him and his co-directors.

"My feeling is that this would be a disaster if *The Observer* becomes something which could be bought and sold twice a year. I thought the purpose of the independent directors was to protect the papers from interference", Mr Clark said last night.

Mr Robert Anderson, the chairman of Atlantic Richfield who sold *The Observer* to Mr Rowland and who is chairman of the newspaper's board, admitted he was also taken by surprise. He is in London for tomorrow's regular Observer board meeting.

Behind Mr Rowland's decision to sell is probably his feeling of frustration with the British business environment. He has been constantly thwarted over his attempts to takeover Harrods and in spite of running a highly successful group, he feels he is not getting the City recognition he believes he deserves.

Timing of *The Observer* announcement is regarded by directors and senior journalists as curious. Tomorrow's important board meeting was called to discuss future developments of the newspaper along with viability forecasts.

Mr Donald Trelford, the editor of *The Observer*, was unavailable for comment but one journalist said the news "fell like a bombshell on the staff".

Mr Robert Low, *The Observer's* father of the chapel, said yesterday: "If the sale goes ahead we would like it done on the open market with the Department of Trade insisting on guarantees of editorial independence. As it did when Lonrho bought the paper."

Extortionist blasts aircraft at Brisbane

From Tony Duboudin
Melbourne

Security at Australian airports has been sharply increased after an extortionist demanding $A1m (about £625,000) fired a missile at an aircraft at Brisbane airport.

The extortionist is believed to have contacted the Brisbane office of the state-owned domestic airline Trans-Australian Airlines (TAA) on Wednesday and demanded the money or else a TAA aircraft would be shot down.

After the demand the extortionist then damaged an old, privately owned Canberra bomber – part of a museum display – with a rocket.

The first indication that something was afoot was on Friday when Mr Kevin Newman, the federal Minister for Administrative Services, gave the press the sketchiest details of the affairs and asked for a media blackout.

Speculation ran wild. Some of the more exotic theories involved the PLO, the Croatian Liberation Movement, a Jewish group, and a threat to a Boy Scout jamboree.

Alpine retreat

The Prince and Princess of Wales yesterday flew to Switzerland where they are expected to take a skiing holiday. They were not accompanied by their son Prince William.

Victims freed after 5-day kidnap terror

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The son of a wealthy London diamond merchant was freed by Scotland Yard detectives yesterday after being held captive for five days while a ransom of up to £2m was demanded from his family with threats to mutilate or kill him.

Mr Emmanuel Xuereb, aged 33, a wine merchant, was seized last Tuesday with his wife Maria, aged 25, from their home in Bromley, Kent. Mr Xuereb's father was initially asked for £2m but on Saturday Mrs Xuereb was freed by the couple's captors with a note asking for £525,000.

Yesterday morning in a raid on a house in Kemble Road, Croydon, Surrey, detectives freed Mr Xuereb and arrested three men. At lunchtime yesterday a fourth man was arrested in north London and all four are expected to appear in court today.

Scotland Yard was called in by the Xuereb family soon after the couple disappeared and 120 officers with 80 vehicles were put on the case under the command of Commander William Hucklesby, head of the anti-terrorist squad. Details of the case were released to the press under a news blackout arrangement lifted yesterday.

At a press conference Mr Gilbert Kelland, the assistant commissioner in charge of CID, praised the courage of Mr and Mrs Xuereb.

He reserved special praise for Mrs Xuereb, who he described as "a very brave young lady".

The couple and Mr Anthony Xuereb, a Hatton Garden diamond merchant, praised the police for their work.

Mr Xuereb said that when he was told by his captors that his wife was to be released he did not know if it was a trick and he was worried for her.

The worst time of the kidnap was the 24 hours he had spent on his own after his wife's release. "I was worried, more worried than when she was with me", he said.

His wife said after she was freed she was terrified at what might happen to her husband. Earlier, she had been "worried all the time that we were never going to get out".

She said: "Iam very happy I am free and my husband is free". Mr Xuereb said they had been blindfolded all the time and they felt in danger

Mr Anthony Xuereb said he thought the police had been "really terrific". Mr Xuereb, aged 60, received the messages and approaches from the kidnappers which included threats to cut off his son's fingers at the rate of one a day and to murder him sending the head in a box.

Mr Kelland also thanked the press for their cooperation in keeping the police involvement and details of the case a secret.

Bush visit increases chances of summit

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The decision by President Reagan to send Mr George Bush, the Vice President to Europe at the end of this month, is seen as increasing the chances of a United States-Soviet summit meeting taking place either late this year or early in 1984.

While in Europe the Vice President will hold talks with Nato leaders and American arms reduction negotiators about the recent Soviet initiative proposing sizable cuts in the nuclear arsenals held by the two super-powers and a non-aggression treaty between Nato and the Warsaw Pact.

White House officials said that based on these consultations Mr Bush would be in a position to decide whether the Soviet proposals were substantial enough to merit a summit meeting between President Reagan and Mr Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader.

There is an increasingly widely held view in Washinton that a neeting would greatly enhance Mr Reagan's reputation, domestically and internationally, if it were to result in progress on reducing nuclear weapons.

The decision to dispatch Mr Bush on his 12-day journey, starting on January 30, reflects growing US concern that the Soviet Union has gained the initiative in the propaganda war being waged by the two superpowers over nuclear arms reduction, particularly in Western Europe where there is growing opposition to the planned deployment of 572 Pershing 2 and ground-launched cruise missiles.

His visit will take place one month before the general election in West Germany which is scheduled to be the first recipient of these new weapons.

Mr Bush will first visit West Germany and will then travel to the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, France and finally Britain. Five of the countries he will visit are proposed sites for the new medium-range missiles which Nato plans to deploy to counter the threat posed by the 300 or so SS20 missiles deployed by the Soviet Union.

In London Mr Bush will have talks with Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, Mr Francis Pym, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Michael Heseltine, the new Defence Secretary.

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RAF officers go on trial over shot down plane

Two RAF officers appear before a court martial in West Germany today, charged with negligently causing the loss of an aircraft after shooting down a Jaguar in May at a cost of about £7m (Michael Binyon writes from Bonn).

Flight-Lieutenant Roy Lawrence and Flight-Lieutenant Alistair Inverarity were on a training mission when they fired a Sidewinder missile which hit the Jaguar a tactical support aircraft, also on a training mission. The court martial, at RAF Wildenrath, follows a full inquiry held after the accident. The Jaguar pilot ejected safely.

Both of the accused deny the charges. Flight-Lieutenant Inverarity, the navigator, will be defended by Mr John Smith, MP.

Big selection victory for Tatchell

By George Clark

Mr Peter Tatchell, the young left-winger who earned Mr Michael Foot's disapproval for his views on extra-parliamentary political action, was chosen again yesterday as Labours prospective parliamentary candidite for Southwark, Bermonsday.

I was a notable victory for him after a year-long campaign to establish his position. At a meeting of the constituency party's general management committee he obtained 42 votes, against eight for Mr Eric Moonman, former MP for Basildon, and two for Mr James Little, a Kent county councillor.

The by-election, for which no date had been fixed, is caused through the resignation of Mr Robert Mellish, aged 69, who had been the area's MP for 36 years and is a former Labour chief whip.

A persistent critic of left-wing activists, whom he claimed took over the constituency about two years ago, Mr Mellish will continue his opposition to those now running the local party. He calls them the "left-wing mafia".

He will back as Independent Labour candidate Mr John O'Grady, aged 62, the former Southwark council leader, who was at last night's meeting. The Labour Party National Executive Committee refused to endorse Mr Thatchell as candidate after the first reselection conference because of his "extra-parliamentary" views, but it is expected now that he will be given endorsement. The party nationally would suffer if it continued to challenge the democratic decision of a local party.

Mr O'Grady confirmed after last night's meeting that if the NEC endorses the selection, he would oppose Mr Tatchell as an Independent Labour candidate.

Mr Tatchell: A notable victory.

Mr Tatchell said he was confident that his candidature would be endorsed.

There will now be a battle for the allegiance of the 19,000 voters who supported Mr Mellish at the general election, giving him a majority of more than 11,000.

In a farewell letter distributed to all electors when he resigned, Mr Mellish set out his reasons for resigning and promised that there would be an opportunity to vote for a "moderate" when the by-election came.

It is expected that many former Labour voters, tired of the local feuding, will turn to one of the other parties. The Liberal-Social Democratic Alliance naturally hopes that it will win much support for Mr Simon Hughes, the Liberal candidate, a barrister aged 31 from Camberwell.

The Conservative candidate is Mr Robert Hughes, aged 31, a BBC producer

One certainty is that the voters will not have any lack of choice. There are about seventeen candidates in the field

Letter on death stops funeral

A coroner has stopped the funeral of a retired Congregational minister's wife because of a letter casting doubt on the way she died.

Mr Alan Dixon made the move after being told that the letter had been received at St Cross Hospital, Rugby, a police spokesman said.

The letter expressed concern about the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs Louise Northcott in the hospital on December 27. Mrs Northcott, of Leicester Road, Broughton, Astley, Leicestershire, died after a long illness.

Her funeral was to take place at the village Congregational Church in Ullesthorpe on Friday, before Mr Dixon, the North Warwickshire coroner, ordered the postponement. He also ordered a second post-mortem examination after hearing about the letter.

That was carried out by a Home Office pathologist, and detectives and the coroner will study a report on it today.

The funeral was to have been conducted by Mrs Northcott's husband and a colleague. Her husband retired last year as the minister of the Congregational Church at Ullesthorpe.

Extra £380,000 for schools

West Sussex County Council has allotted a further £380,000 to its 300 schools to buy books and other materials. The cash is equivalent to £3.50 a pupil.

Mr Kenneth Ball, chairman of the education committee, said yesterday that his committee was conscious that schools were in difficulty with the purchase of books, particularly for examination courses. The county's 35 public libraries will get a total of £20,000 extra for books.

Shop smashed by stolen bus

A thief stole a double-deck London bus and smashed it into a betting shop in Plaistow, east London, yesterday.

The thief took the bus from the West Ham garage at about 4am and apparently escaped unhurt, as the cab was not damaged. The police said the bus had careered along the road for several hundred yards. Workmen shored up the building because it was feared it might collapse.

Pilkingtons faces strike

The General Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union executive is being asked to back a ballot calling for an official strike at Pilkingtons, the glass company.

The dispute is over pay bargaining. The company wants to withdraw from central agreements and replace them with negotiations at each of the nine plants.

Fire death

An unidentified body was found yesterday by firemen searching a hotel in Princess Square, Bayswater, central London, which was badly damaged by fire on Saturday. Two people were still unaccounted for. Police have ruled out arson.

Police injured

Nine policemen were recovering at home yesterday after being injured dealing with crowds in Derby for the FA Cup visit of Nottingham Forest on Saturday, after which 13 people appeared before Derby magistrates.

160 jobs lost

A further 160 jobs are to be lost on Merseyside with closure of the DRG paper cups plant at Fazakerley, north Liverpool.

NCB to meet union over strike threat

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The National Coal Board will seek today to overcome a strike threat by 23,000 Welsh miners with a promise to consider sympathetically their demand for increased investment in the coalfield.

Leaders of the South Wales area of the National Union of Mineworkers are to meet Mr Norman Siddall, the chairman of the NCB, and other board members, including Mr Philip Weekes, the director of the Welsh coalfield, to examine proposals to put more capital into declining pits.

So far only £30m of the industry's £800m-a-year investment programme has been earmarked for South Wales, and the miners want 10 times the figure originally allocated to avert the closure of pits nearing the end of their economic reserves.

The board is not expected to disclose today how far it will go towards meeting the union's demands. But it is likely to make encouraging noises about opening new faces at existing pits if the overall cost of producing coal in South Wales can be reduced. That would entail the shutdown of some high-cost capacity.

It remains to be seen whether that response will be enough to get the Welsh miners to call off or suspend their all-out strike, due to begin a week today. The NUM area executive meets tomorrow to discuss the board's reaction, and will report to a full delegate coalfield conference on Wednesday.

On the same day Mr Arthur Scargill, the president of the NUM, meets his headquarters staff and their union representatives to discuss grievances about their terms and conditions of work, and redundancy terms for those who do not want to transfer to Sheffield when the NUM moves its national office there later this year.

Last Friday 18 of the 25 staff at the union's Euston Road headquarters walked out for four hours in protest at "dictatorial" treatment and alleged breaches of their office agreements.

Both those issues, the internal dispute over Mr Scargill's management style and the external battle with the NCB over its pit closures in Wales and Scotland, will dominate the monthly meeting of the union's national executive on Thursday. Moderate coalfield leaders are planning a showdown with Mr Scargill.

In the water industry dispute, officials of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration service (Acas) will today attempt to avert a strike by 28,000 water and sewerage workers. The water workers have voted four to one in favour of industrial action to improve the Water Council's 4 per cent pay offer, but Acas will invite the union leaders to talks aimed at producing a negotiated settlement on their 15 per cent claim.

145 tax collection offices to close

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The Government is proposing to close 145 local tax collection offices over the next four years to shed 3,000 Inland Revenue jobs. Leaders of the union involved predicted last night that the closures would "depersonalize" the service and lead to more unpaid tax.

Details of the closure programme are being posted in tax offices today, but the Inland Revenue Staff Federation is seeking emergency talks with the employers in an effort to forestall the shutdowns and redundancies.

The Treasury programme of cuts is geared directly to the increasing computer use of tax at Shipley, West Yorkshire, and East Kilbride, in Scotland.

The 76 offices scheduled for closure in single-office towns are: In England: Alnwick, Darlington, Durham, Grimsby, Keighley, Scunthorpe, Stockton, Sunderland, Burnley, Chester, Lancaster, Preston, St Helens, Southport, Warrington, Boston, Chesterfield, Halifax, Huddersfield, Mansfield, Newark, Wakefield, Bath, Dorchester, Launceston, St Austell, Salisbury, Taunton, Weston-super-Mare, Banbury, Burton-on-Trent, Dudley, Gloucester, Leamington, Stafford, West Bromwich, Ashton-under-Lyne, Bury, Hanley, Rochdale, Wigan, Bedford, Bury St Edmunds, Chelmsford, Ely, High Wycombe, Hitchin, Kettering, Kings Lynn, Leigh-on-Sea, Ashford, Chichester, Eastbourne, Farnham, Guildford, Hastings, Horsham, Maidstone, Margate, Newbury, Poole, Winchester and Worthing.

In Wales: Carmarthen, Merthyr Tydfil, Neath, Pontypool, Pontypridd, Rhyl. In Scotland, Dunfermline, Dumfries, Greenock, Paisley, Perth, Stirling. In Northern Ireland, Coleraine. The 13 London accounts offices facing shutdown are in Bootle, Bradford, Cardiff, Edinburgh (2), Gateshead, Leeds, Manchester, Newcastle (2), Newport, Portsmouth and Southampton.

Closure of these offices will mean that taxpayers who get a computerized form will delay or even avoid payment.

Union seizes books

By Our Labour Editor

The records of the rebellious Fleet Street electricians have been siezed by their union's head office in a move that may herald disciplinary sanctions over strikes and sympathetic industrial action.

Officials of the London Press branch of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union were given 10 days to surrender their minutes and attendance books to Mr Frank Chapple, general secretary of the union. They have complied.

Mr Sean Geraghty, secretary of the branch, said last night: "There has not been any complaint. They simply required our books, and as a result of receiving them they are now instituting an inquiry into the branch."

Fleet Street electricians have rarely been absent from the news since going on strike on August 10 in support of the hospital workers in defiance of a High Court order. Me Geraghty was later fined £300 for contempt.

The industrial action was disowned by the EETPU nationally, but the men struck again in support of the TUC "day of action" on September 22, and more recently walked out at Times Newspapers in a dispute over new technology, and *The Times* was not published for two weeks.

Press branch officials believe that the latest inquiry will prompt moves to break their monopoly control over the supply of skilled electrical labour. Already the Newspaper Publishers Association has been advised to notify Fleet Street vacancies to Mr Lew Britz, the London area full-time secretary of the EETPU, rather than to Mr Geraghty.

Mr Michael Heseltine, the new Secretary of State for Defence, with his wife at Heathrow yesterday when he arrived home from a Caribbean holiday.

Militant 'would meet NEC'

By Our Political Staff

Leading members of the Militanrt Tendency, whose proposed expulsion from the Labour Party will be discussed today at a meeting in London of the party's organization subcommittee, are willing to meet the party executive to discuss action that would make the tendency acceptable, removing the accusation that it is a "party within a party".

Mr Peter Taaffe, editor of *Militant*, indicated that yesterday when commenting on the two papers that Mr James Mortimer, general secretary of the party, has prepared for today's meeting. The paper pints out the legal difficulties that could arise from the expulsion of Militant leaders.

As an alternative to expulsion, Mr Mortimer has proposed the "dissolution" of the tendency.

That, he says, could be achieved if the Militant leaders would agree to dissolve their structure at central, district, and local level; wind up their fund-raising body, WIR Publications; stop their supporters from holding faction meetings; open their readers' conferences to all party members; and sever any international links with like-minded groups.

"I would see no difficulty in meeting the national executive committee and discussing these five points and coming to an agreement", Mr Taaffe said when he was interviewed yesterday on the BBC radio programme, *The World this Weekend*.

If the party went ahead with widespread expulsions and the expulsion of the five members of the board of *Militant*, it would divide the party, he said.

Mr Mortimer says in one of his papers that an attempt at expulsions could well fail because it would expose an inconsistency in Labour Party practice which could be argued to be of doubtful constitutional validity.

The "technical inconsistency" lies in the fact that many other groups have been declared "ineligible for affiliation" but only the Militant Tendency is under threat of expulsion.

"It would be damaging to the Labour Party if it were to proceed on the process of expulsions, only to find that the courts held that the national executive committee itself had been acting on the issue of eligibility without proper and constitutional cover", Mr Mortimer says.

Worse to come for Ireland

People in the Irish Republic, already faced with big fuel, tobacco, and drink price rises a month before the new Government's regular budget, are likely to face more shocks in the complete financial package on February 9.

The preliminary increases, seen as savage by most consumers and trade interests, are reckoned to be only the start of a series of belt-tightening exercises.

Mr Alan Dukes, the Finance Minister, in office for less than a month after the change of Government in Dublin, said yesterday that a further £350m had to be found.

Some economists have forecast that the new coalition Administration of Dr Garret Fitzgerald could reintroduce private household rates, abolished five years ago, raise VAT and look at income tax ceilings.

Mr Dukes spoke of possible payments for certain normally free local authority services.

Meanwhile, amid the hostile reaction to Friday's increases, the Irish Hotels Federation, in a telegram to Dr Fitzgerald, called for VAT rebates, and a special petrol voucher system for tourists. Visitors to Ireland will have to pay £2.30 for a gallon

Communist resigns after party dispute

By Our Labour Editor

Mr Michael Costello, the national industrial organizer of the Communist Party, has left his post "for personal reasons" in the wake of a bitter ideological dispute.

His resignation, accepted by the party's executive committee at the weekend, "came as a bombshell", according to a senior party source. It comes at a critical point in communist fortunes, with falling membership and industrial cadres severely affected by the economic recession.

While his departure is attributed to undisclosed personal motives, Mr Costello is to give up a key role in the hard left of the labour movement within months of a fierce controversy over alleged liberalization of party attitudes.

An attack he made last September on an article published in *Marxism Today*, the party's theoretical journal, which criticized shop stewards as "a new working class elite" was later repudiated by the party executive by a two to one majority.

Mr Costello said the article was a gross slander on the trade union movement, fit only for the capitalist press, but the party leadership did not support him.

The controversy was seen as a public surfacing of an internal battle between the "old guard", represented by his views, and those led by Mr Martin Jacques, editor of *Marxism Today*, who redesigned the journal on more liberal lines.

At bottom, the ideological struggle was about whether the party should oppose all incomes policies, the official line backed by Costello and his allies in heavy industry, or embrace a "socialist incomes policy", as favoured by some on the left and particularly the Labour shadow cabinet.

The degree to which his resignation relates to that internal furore over policy cannot yet be gauged, but he is known to have been disappointed at the executive's vote not to back his orthodox line against the liberalizing trends of *Marxism Today*.

His departure leaves a hole in the left's organizational armoury just as the unions prepare for their policy-making conferences and as work gets under way on the second "people's march for jobs, with which he was closely connected.

Campaign to block map 'sell-off'

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

The Royal Geographical Society is planning a campaign to stop the Government turning the Ordnance Survey into a commercial organization.

Whitehall proposals to establish a training fund for the survey, a means of introducing a commercial financial system, have twice been shelved over the past decade after intensive lobbying from customers.

But when the Commons considered the government training funds Bill in October, 1973, it was accepted that a training fund could be created for the survey, provided consultations were held and Parliament was informed of the reaction.

Mr Michael Heseltine, then Secretary of State for the Environment, announced last July that he intended "to give Ordnance Survey the chance to operate effectively as a free-standing trading organization whose performance can be judged in a commercial framework".

The results of his statutory consultation were published in a White Paper on the day the Commons rose for the Christmas recess, a common Whitehall device for dampening parliamentary and media interest.

Summing up the 37 representations received on his proposal, Mr Heseltine said: "They are concerned that with a training fund the OS archives might be allowed to deteriorate, the quality and coverage of OS products and services might be reduced and that higher prices might result in a fall in usage and in provision." He said he appreciated the concerns but there had to be a limit to the public resources devoted to survey and mapping. That makes it all the more important to see that Ordnance Survey has the systems and incentives to make the best use of the money which is available to it".

Business efficiency and commercial principles, far from being detrimental to quality and service, should help the nation to get the best possible survey and mapping service it could afford, he said.

That was his central purpose in establishing the OS as a trading fund, within which he was satisfied that the concerns could be met.

The Government will now give the Lords and Commons the opportunity to debate the white paper, before MPs vote on an affirmative order to implement Mr Heseltine's proposal.

But the Royal Geographical Society, which has helped to coordinate previous campaigns in defence of OS, is once again preparing to mobilize public and parliamentary opinion to protect the 190-year-old institution from the government's economic drive.

Opponents believe that a trading fund would be the first step towards the ultimate privatization of the survey, with a lasting erosion of its basic public service mapwork.

Proposed Trading Fund for the Ordnance Survey: Report of the results of Consultation (Stationary office £2.30).

Science report

Rotation of Earth affected by climate

By the Staff of "Nature"

The most accurate attempt so far to account for the way in which the speed of the Earth's rotation is affected by the weather has been carried out by Mr Kurt Lambeck and Mr Peter Hopgood, meteorologists from the Australian National University at Canberra. The development is important because it makes it possible to pick out more clearly than in the past fluctuations in the speed of the Earth's rotation caused by processes within the Earth itself.

That the Earth's rotation is not constant was first established more than half a century ago by irregularities in the apparent movement of stars across the sky. The irregularities are, however, exceedingly small, amounting to no more than a few parts in a hundred million. From the outset, seasonal variations in the speed of rotation have suggested that climatic effects might be important.

What Lambeck and Hopgood have now done is to calculate, from meteorological data about wind speed in the atmosphere stretching back for 22 years from 1980 (and thus covering roughly two sunspot cycles), the continual variations of the speed of circulation of the atmosphere as a whole.

This is connected with the speed with which the solid Earth spins on its axis because the total angular momentum of the solid Earth and its atmosphere must remain constant: the faster the atmospheric circulation, in general from west to east, the slower the rotation of the solid Earth.

It emerges that the circulation of the atmosphere accounts for about two parts in about a hundred million in the observed pattern of changes in the Earth's rotational speed, and it is strongly seasonal in character.

When the calculation effect of the weather is substracted from the measured fluctuation in the Earth's rotational speed, and when allowance is made for the steady decrease of the Earth's rotational speed caused by the tidal effects of the Moon and the Sun, the researchers conclude that between 1958 and 1980 there was an irregular fluctuation of the speed of the Earth's rotation.

At the beginning of that period the speed of rotation was decreasing; it was low during the early 1970s but has since been increasing again.

The authors accept the general opinion that the most likely cause of those changes is a rearrangement of the material of which the Earth is made in the region separating the solid body of the Earth from the melten core at the Earth's centre.

Source: *Geophysical Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society*, volume 71, page 581, December, 1982.

Caution urged on Kirk

By George Clark

Colleagues of Mr Kent Kirk, the Danish trawler captain and MEP, who was fined £30,000 in Newcastle on Friday for illegal fishing, have advised him not to raise the fishing dispute at this week's session of the European Parliament, which opens in Strasbourg today.

In view of the legal position – he has promised to take the case to the European Court – his friends have advised caution, but he may take part in the debate if there is an emergency resolution tabled by other Danish MEP's, as seems likely.

It will be an important week for Mr Kirk, because he will be leading the European Democratic (Conservative) group, consisting of 60 British Conservatives, two Danes and one Ulster Unionist. He takes over as deputy leader to Sir Henry Plumb, who will be addressing a congress of businessmen in Dallas, US, sharing the platform with President Reagan.

British Conservatives said it had been arranged that Mr Kirk should leave the chair at any group meeting which may be called to discuss fishing.

Mr Richard Cottrell, Conservative MEP for Bristol, who accused Mr Kirk last week of "disloyalty" to the group and to the Conservative-led Danish Government, yesterday pointed out a recent precedent which could tell against the Dane at the European Court.

He said Mr Jock Kerr, a Grimsby trawler skipper, was fined about £6,000 for illegal fishing in the 12-mile Danish fishing limit around Greenland in 1978. He appealed to the European Court but the Danish conviction was upheld.

"What Britain is doing, with the support of eight other EEC Governments and the EEC commission, is obviously perfectly legal under the recent European Court decision", he said.

Mr James Provan, Conservative MEP for North-east Scotland, said yesterday that Scottish skippers believed there was little support for Mr Kirk's action among Danish trawlermen.

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Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 28; Bahrain BD 0.650; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.50; Canaries Pes 150; Cyprus 660 mils; Denmark Dkr 7.50; Dubai Dir 7.00; Finland Mkk 7.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 80; Holland Gl 3.25; Iran IR 135; Iraq LD 0.500; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 1800; Jordan LD 0.425; Kuwait KD 0.500; Lebanon LL 4.00; Luxembourg Lf 33; Madeira Esc 120; Malta 30c; Morocco Dir 7; Norway Kr 7.50; Oman OR 0.700; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 120; Qatar QR 7.50; Saudi Arabia SR 4.50; Singapore S$5.00; Spain Pes 150; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Syria L$5.50; Tunisia Din 0.600; USA $1.50; UAE Dir 7.00; Yugoslavia Din 80.

State firm tries to be diplomatic

New satellite station planned

By Clive Cookson
Technology Correspondent

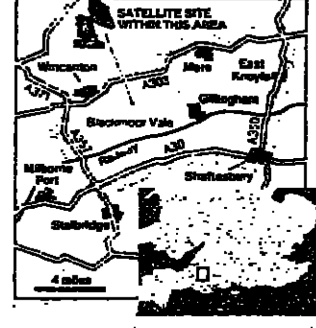
British Telecom is hoping to persuade the inhabitants of Blackmoor Vale, on the borders of Wiltshire Somerset and Dorset, that a series of satellite dishes up to 32 metres across, nestling beneath the downs, would be an object of beauty and a source of wealth and employment for the local community.

The state company needs urgently to find a suitable site on which to build a third Earth station for its international satellite communications. Telephone, television, data and telex traffic, which is doubling in volume every four to five years, is swamping the stations at Goonhilly, Cornwall, and Madley, Hereford and Worcester.

Early last year British Telecom International (BTI) was refused planning permission to build the £80m station on its first-choice site, in the Vale of Pewsey, Wiltshire, after a vigorous campaign by local opponents, who said that it would ruin an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Now BTI has identified a new area, in the northern part of Blackmoor Vale, which its engineers say would provide a suitable alternative.

British Telecom had exacerbated opposition in the Vale of



Pewsey by failing to consult people in the area before buying a farm and applying for planning permission to build the communications station on it.

It is taking a more diplomatic approach in the Blackmoor Vale. Residents are being told about its plans through loal newspapers and councils before the exact site is chosen.

The area is within an oval bounded roughly by the towns of East Knoyle, Mere, Wincanton, Milbourne Port, Stalbridge, and Shaftesbury.

That takes in the three counties and three district councils: Salisbury, North Dorset, and Yeovil. They are all taking a cautious line so far, waiting for a specific site to be chosen.

"Our people have seen three or four possible sites in the area", British Telecom said. An Earth station should ideally be located in a natural bowl, free of local electrical and radio interference, and screened by hills from more distant interference.

"The proposal is not being dismissed out of hand because of its possible employment benefits", a local planning official said. "On the other hand, the councillors and officers are very concerned about the environmental impact."

The 60-acre development would create about 120 skilled jobs, operating and maintaining two 32-metre dishes and up to five 19-metre dishes.

Unofficial local reaction has also been quiet. "Everybody's attitude is: 'Let's get all the facts first before we say anything' ". Mr Martin Heal, district reporter for the *Western Gazette*, said. "We had a logo made ready for a big campaign against it, but it has not materialized yet.

"There need be no fear that an Earth station will spoil the area", Mr David Withers, chief engineer for BTI, said. "Earth stations create no noise, smell, pollution, or television interference. The communities at Goonhilly and Madley have come to view their stations as assets."

Vaganian now has lead of 2½ points

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Hastings

With only three rounds to go in the ICL grandmaster chess tournament at Hastings, the Soviet grandmaster Rafael Vaganian enjoys a big lead of two and a half points.

He has achieved that position not so much by consistently impeccable play as by a resourceful and sometimes even doubtful attitude towards the game and by means of consummate tactical skill.

His game in the tenth round against the Israeli master Murei was a typical example. Playing somewhat recklessly in the first session, he allowed Murei to establish what looked like a winning position; then, taking advantage of his opponent's impetuosity, he turned the tables so effectively as to force a win in the adjourned game.

Scores at the end of round 10:

Vaganian 8½; Ftacnik, Hebden, Murei and Tukmakov 6; Kovacevic 5½; Gurevich and Mestel 5; Plaskett and Short 4; Farago, Lein, Henley and Littlewood 3½.

Results in round 10:

Littlewood ½, Short ½, QP Queen's Indian def. 39 moves; Hebden ½, Ftacnik ½, Sic. def. 29; Gurevich ½, Farago ½, QP Nimzo Indian def. 40; Murei 0, Vaganian 1, French def. 60; Kovacevic ½, Mestel ½, Philidor def. 87; Plaskett 1, Henley 0, QP Grunfeld def. 39; Tukmakov 1, Lein 0, Queen's gambit declined, 41.

Adjourned games: round 9:

Lein 1, Littlewood 0, 45; Short ½, Hebden ½, 62; Ftacnik 1, Gurevich 0, 84.

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Licensed bookmakers and Jockey Club combine to fight illegal betting

By Rupert Morris

Bookmakers, who have been complaining that illegal betting is reducing their turnover and putting an increasing number of them out of business, can expect a dusty answer from the Chancellor of the Exchequer to their request for a reduction in betting tax.

In normal circumstances their complaint would be seen as predictable special pleading from a business suffering like any other from recession. On this occasion, however, they have formed an unprecedented alliance with the Jockey Club and produced detailed evidence to support their case.

The problem is that this evidence is not corroborated by the Customs and Excise which largely on the basis of information about illegal betting supplied by the bookmakers, has taken action against a number of individuals or clubs.

"We are aware of the claims made by the industry", Customs and Excise says, "but the evidence is far from conclusive, and inquiries *through local customs staff* certainly do not suggest that there has been any substantial increase in illegal betting or that the duty evaded in this way is significant in comparison with the revenue from licensed bookmakers".

Last month a deputation led by Lord Manton, chief steward of the Jockey Club, went to the Home Secretary, claimint that 15 to 20 per cent of betting was now illegal, and requesting that betting shops be allowed to introduce television and comfortable furniture to attract customers who had been led astray.

Bookmakers say they are losing business to public houses and clubs who will take tax-free bets over the bar, as well as allowing their customers to *watch the races on television*.

The racing and betting lobby points to the report in 1978 of the Royal Commission on Gambling, which identified a revival in illegal betting after 1966, and attributed it to the combined effects of duty and the levy, the means by which the horse-racing authorities raise money from the bookmakers, at 1 per cint of their annual turnover.

The royal commission also said that illegal betting would increase rapidly when the combined rates of duty and levy reached a certain critical point. It said that the existing rate was "running it dangerously close", more

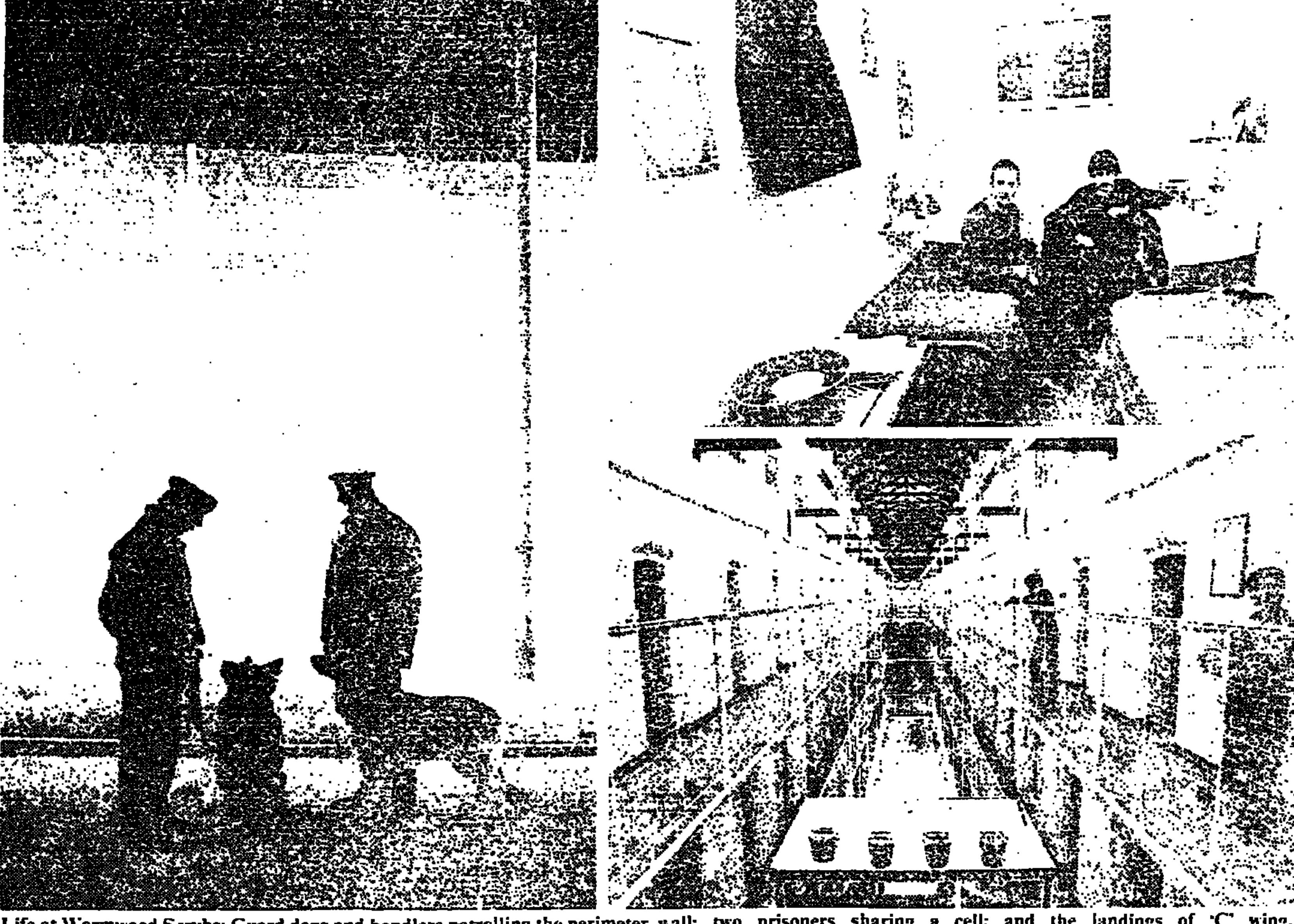
Since then the off-course betting duty has gone up from 7.5 to 8 per cent. The bookmakers say this has passed the "critical point" identified by the royal commision.

They say it led directly to a fall in profits last year, and has been responsible for the loss of 293 betting shops in the year to the end of last June.

The slump in the bookmakers' fortunes is borne out by Customs and Excise provisional figures for the raising of general betting duty in the financial year 1981-82. These show that after substantial percentage rises in revenue in each of the four preceding years, revenue went up only from £250m to £255m which, after allowing for inflation could be said to represent a decrease.

Latest estimates from the Bookmaking Offices Licensees Association (Bola), which represents most of Britain's leading firms, show an accelerating decrease in turnover.

But the racing industry cannot prove that such a decline is caused by the combination of high taxation and increasing illegal betting. It could equally well be a result of the recession.



Life at Wormwood Scrubs: Guard dogs and handlers patrolling the perimeter wall: two prisoners sharing a cell; and the landings of 'C' wing.

New governor will take over a collapsing 'Scrubs'

When Mr Ian Dunbar takes over as governor of Wormwood Scrubs prison, in London at the end of the month he will find that he is having to *cope with a prison that is falling down* (Peter Evans writes).

"D" wing, which contains the most dangerous prisoners in the jail, is the latest part to show signs of collapse. A section of the floor is sagging nine inches below its proper level and has had to be roped off. That is bad news for headquarters administrators, who are already so short of prisoners' accommodation in the South-east of England that inadequate police cells are having to be used.

Part of the pressure on the system comes from the closure of "A" wing at the Scrubs after the floor there began to collapse. The wing, which held 300 men, is being refurbished as part of a 20 year building programme for the prison.

The planners will have to decide whether "D" wing should be closed and if so where to put its potentially dangerous population of IRA men, London gangsters, sex offenders and others in the highest security category.

Given the shortage of money, "D" wing's closure could put back plans for "B" and "C" wings, which are next in line for refurbishing, with integral sanitation. A failure to include cell lavatories in the refurbishing of "A" wing caused an outcry.

The first of a three-part series by Peter Evans on the cost of crime begins tomorrow.

Cancer checks on nuclear test men

By Alan Hamilton

Experts in the statistics of cancer are examining claims that a significant number of ex-servicemen who took part in the British programme of nuclear bomb tests in the South Pacific between 1952 and 1958 have contracted, and is some cases died from, the disease.

Two television programmes to be screened this week, an independent production for Channel Four and the BBC's *Nationwide*, have between them assembled more than 130 case histories which, the victems assert, can be traced to radiation exposure during the series of nine test firings of atomic and hydrogen bombs.

Interest in the long-term effects of the tests has been fuelled by recent activity in both the United States and Australia. Judgement is expected soon on a series of claims from American Servicemen and their widows arising from the US nuclear test programme in the Nevada desert conducted at the same time as the British tests.

The Australian Nuclear Veterans' Association, having approached 600 Servicemen and civilians who participated in the bomb tests, found that 114 of them had died, 109 form cancer.

No proper survey of British Servicemen has yet been carried out. But the case histories assembled by the BBC after a broadcast appeal last November have been passed for analysis to the medical faculty of Birmingham University, where there is a department specializing in cancer statistics.

In the past 10 years six claims for compensation from test series cancer victims or their widows have been brought before internal hearings at the Ministry of Defence, and all have been dismissed.

Of the 10,000 servicemen involved in the six-year test programme, a detachment of 200 were garrisoned on Christmas Island, where the last and largest of the hydrogen bomb tests took place. Among those was Mr Phillip Munn, of East Kilbride Lanarkshire, who was a sapper aged 22 and who now suffers from leukeamia.

Former Chief Petty Officer William Grigsby, of Liverpool, died of cancer six years ago. His widow, Mrs Ellen Grigsby, has applied for a war widow's pension after her husband's death, but was refused. She has been in touch with the Australian Nuclear Veterans' Association, but at present there is no similar organization to coordinate and push the cases in Britain.

Council to discuss arts chief clash

By Christopher Warman Arts Correspondent

A special meeting of the Arts Council is being held today to try to resolve the embarrassing controversy over the appointment of the council's secretary-general to succeed Sir Roy Shaw when he retires.

Mr Luke Rittner, director of the Association of Business Sponsorship for the Arts, was recommended for the post by a seven-strong selection committee led by Sir William Rees-Mogg, chairman of the council, but the full council rejected him on December 15 after opposition from some members and the presentation of a petition by senior council officers.

The selection committee, which includes a government representative, Sir James Hamilton, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Education and Science, is to consider the matter before the meeting.

The full council has set aside 45 minutes for a private session to discuss the next step. Mr Rittner, aged 35, is regarded as unsuitable for the post by senior staff and some members because of his inexperience and lack of qualifications.

The staff have emphasized there is nothing personal in their stand, which is more polite than the view of one or two members, who point to his academic background of three 'O' levels and drama school.

Sir William, and enthusiastic supporter of Mr Rittner's candidature, regard him as excellenty qualified, and believes that his work in encouraging private sponsorship for the arts would be of great benefit in the future. Sir William has dismissed speculation that he might resign as chairman if Mr Rittner is rejected again.

He has accused them of conservatism in defending their entrenched positions, and a fear of change. That in turn has led to resentment among council staff, and the atmosphere at the council headquarters at 105 Piccaddilly, is one of dismay as well as of intense speculation about the future.

If the council remains divided over the appointment it will have to decide whether to call in the other candidates or advertise the post again.

Today's special meeting will also discuss the crucial main allocations of its £92m government grant for 1983-84, which it will disclose on Wednesday.

Group to oversee MSC scheme for teenagers

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Fears of a takeover of part of the education system by the Manpower Services Commission, which is funding new technical courses for teenagers in schools, should be dispelled by the composition of the steering group to oversee the initiative, announced today.

The 15-member group, which will be chaired by Mr David Young, the MSC chairman, includes people representing local authority and education interests. Its first meeting will be on Wednesday and the group's first job will be to draw up guidelines for the scheme.

Called the New Technical and Vocational Education Initiative, the £7m scheme will enable 10 local authorities to set up pilot projects for pupils aged 14 to 18, it has aroused controversy not just because of the way it is funded, by-passing the education service, but also because it is thought it would separate children.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour's education spokesman, says the initiative could bring back selection through the back door.

On the steering group are Mr Richard Knight, Bradford's director of education, Mrs Nikki Harrison, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities' education committee, Mr Dudley Fiske, education officer at the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, Mr Philip Merridale, vice-chairman of the Association of County Councils' education committee, Mr John Horrell, chairman of the executive council of the Association of County Councils, and Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers.

Evangelical support for women priests

By Robert Nowell

Mixed feelings about the ordination of women was shown by the Anglican Evangelical Assembly when it took a vote to find out its members' views on the controversial issue at its inaugural meeting in London on Saturday.

Ordination of women to the diaconate, which the Church of England is now committed to introducing in spite of some reservations from the Catholic wing, was approved by an overwhelming majority of 80 in favour, none against, and eight abstentions.

However, the ordination of women to the presbyterate, in other words, women priests, was approved by the small majority of 48 votes to 29, with 11 abstentions. However, the idea of women bishops gained only 27 votes, with 41 against and 20 abstentions.

This marked difference reflects the view of many Evangelicals that scripture does not allow a woman to have authority over a *man in the* church.

Queues for mortgages are forming again

By Baron Phillips, Property Correspondent

House buyers are beginning to experience difficulties in obtaining mortgages and there is some evidence that queues are starting to form in spite of record takings by building societies, a survey published today says:

In its latest State of the Trade Inquiry the House Builders' Federation indicates that an increasing number of its members are experiencing difficulty in obtaining mortgages for buyers. Even more builders say they are having trouble in selling houses because of delays in other buyers in the chain being granted mortgages.

Even so, optimism is spreading through the house building industry for the first time in more than two years. Almost all builders taking part in the survey said they expect to maintain or improve their activity this year, and more than half expected an increase in the number of new homes they start this year.

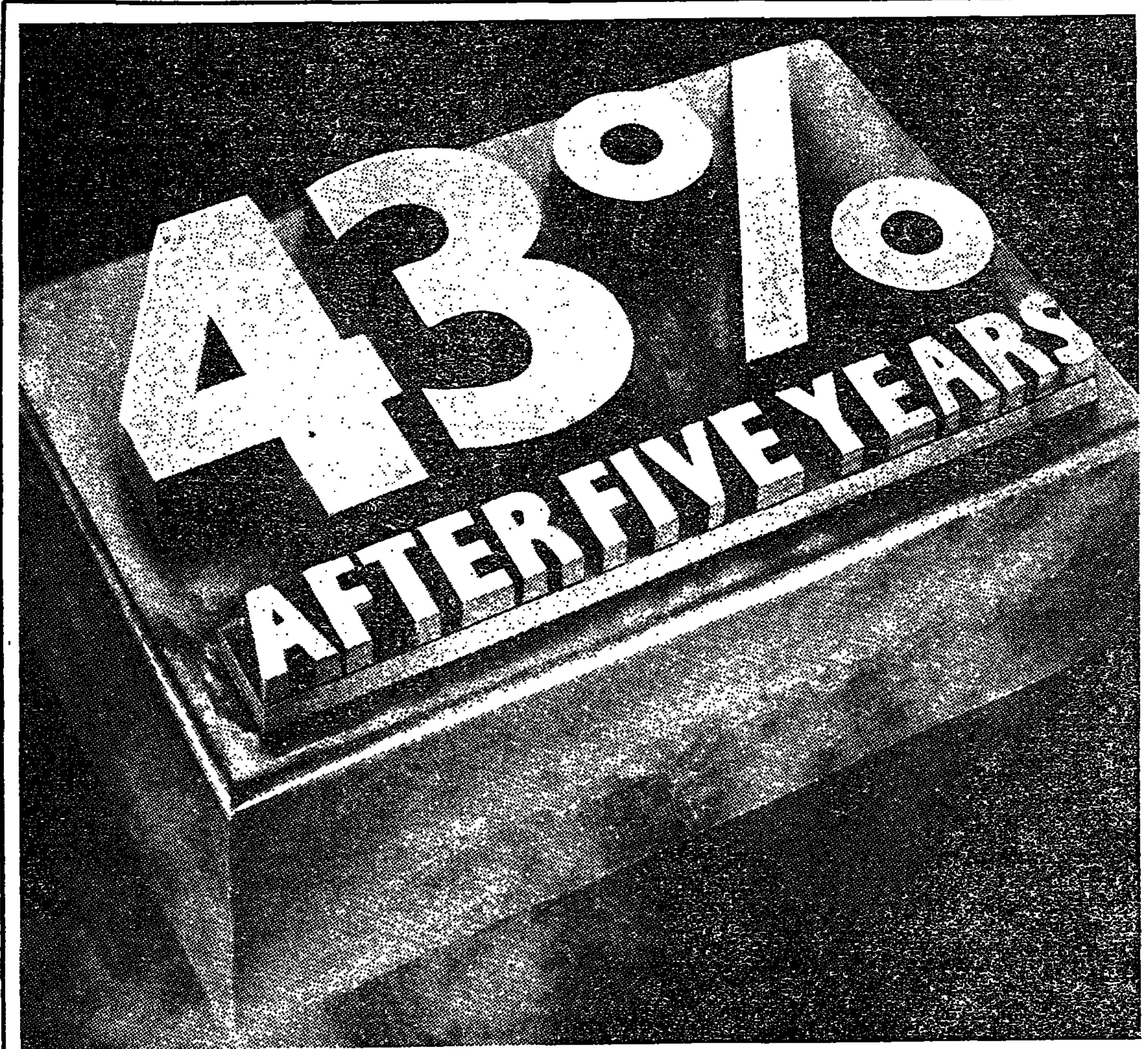
More than half said they will take on workers this year and a further third expect at least to maintain the present number of men.

Although most of the demand for new homes comes from first-time buyers, the survey indicates increasing interest from existing owners. Lower interest rates and inflation are tempting more people into the market.

Reports of a rapid improvement in house sales are confirmed by the survey. In the last quarter of 1982, the inquiry notes, sales were brisker than usual. Only about one builder in ten reported a decline.

Mr Peter Woodrow, president of the federation, said: "House builders are well placed to take full advantage of the consumer boom expected this year. With falling interest rates and current low house prices, it will certainly be cheaper for many people in 1983 to buy a new house than to rent. An upturn in house building will not only benefit house buyers, it will also create new jobs on a scale few industries can match."

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Government plans upset by gas board refusal to endorse oil field bids

By Jonathan Davis, Energy Correspondent

The Government's privatization programme has suffered a new setback with the refusal by British Gas to recommend any of the private sector bids that have been made for its stake in Wytch Farm, Britain's largest onshore oil field.

The board of the corporation has told Mr Nigel Lawson, the Secretary of State for Energy, that it cannot endorse any of the three bids, submitted by oil companies and City investment institutions, on the ground that they seriously undervalue an asset which British Gas believes worth £450m.

The refusal is likely to worsen the already strained relations between the corporation and ministers at the Department of Energy, and leaves the Government with a delicate task if it is to avoid new charges of selling national oil assets at too low a price.

It is almost 18 months since the Government announced it was ordering the gas corporation to sell its 50 per cent interest in Wytch Farm, a significant producing oil field on the Isle of Purbeck in Dorset. British Gas and its chairman, Sir Denis Rooke, have opposed the disposal since the outset, and it was last July before bids were invited from the private sector.

Only three bids have been received, which is fewer than the Government hoped. They are all believed to value the Wytch Farm stake at less than half the £450m price tag put on the field by the corporation.

Comparison of the bids is complicated by the fact that none is a simple cash offer. They are all believed to be conditional on future levels of production and on planning permission being obtained for drilling in a remote and environmentally sensitive part of the field.

City sources say that the initial cash payment the Government will receive from two of the three bidders if their offers are accepted will be no more than £100m, less than a quarter of British Gas's valuation. That figure could rise in years to come as production rises.

Ministers are furious at the way British Gas has left them with an unpalatable political decision by putting an initial valuation they feel is based on absurdly optimistic assumptions about the future course of oil prices and the level of reserves in the field.

If they go ahead now, they will be open to accusations of selling the field at a knockdown price. After the Amersham and Britoil share issues, one oversubscribed the other undersubscribed, the Government is aware that denationalizing energy assets is a political minefield. There is speculation that the Wytch Farm disposal may now be dropped until after the election.

Mr Lawson: Faces unpalatable decision

Compulsory interviews may precede divorce

From Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Divorcing couples may be obliged to discuss custody of children and access to them with welfare officers before court hearings, under proposals being considered by an interdepartmental committee of civil servants.

Such interviews are compulsory in many county courts, where registrars believe they save millions of pounds by solving disputed issues through negotiation. Defended divorces have in some places, for instance, virtually been eliminated.

From the beginning of this year a compulsory interview scheme was started at the Divorce Registry, at Somerset House. Announcing the scheme, Mr B. P. Tickle, senior registrar, said: "It is extremely important that no affidavit should be filed until after an unsuccessful conciliation appointment or until the registrar has directed".

A committee of senior civil servants from the Home Office, Treasury, the Central Policy Review Staff and the Lord Chancellor's department is examining the in-court schemes, and out of court conciliation schemes, where counselling is offered at a much earlier stage.

It is studying evidence from about ten centres in the country where pilot schemes have been running, the most well known of which is the family courts conciliation service at Bristol.

Despite the proven success of schemes such as Bristol's in solving disputes on custody, access, and finance and cutting court costs, it seems likely that, given the constraints on public expenditure, the committee will favour an extension of the in-court conciliation schemes being run by registrars.

They come into play after the parties have filed petitions. They are asked to attend court and meet a welfare officer to resolve some areas of disagreement by negotiation.

Barristers specializing in family law, welcome the procedure, but there is some concern over the London scheme's involvement of children.

The interdepartmental committee, which was due to publish its report this month, is now not expected to do so until April.

● Romance is not dead for most British wives, who say they married for love, are still in love with their husbands and would marry the same man again, according to a report published today (the Press Association reports).

The women do not see divorce as an easy way out of a difficult relationship and divorce is itself declining, the survey in *Options* magazine says.



'Let's face it – it won't be a picnic!'

Race factor alarm in murder case

Scotland Yard is dragging its feet in the investigation of a possible racialist motive in the London murder of close relatives of the Real Madrid football player, Laurie Cunningham, the Jamaican-born sportsman said in an interview published yesterday (Harry Debelius writes from Madrid).

Mr Cunningham's sister-in-law, Mrs Norma Cunningham, aged 27, and her daughters, Samantha, aged 9, and Syreeta, aged 7, were killed in her flat in Kingsgate Estate, Dalston, last July. The younger girl was found drowned in the bath and her mother and sister were found stabbed to death.

The black British football player said in an interview in the Madrid newspaper, *Diaro - 16*, that the walls of the flat were marked with the initials of the National Front party, in metallic blue nail polish, and a phrase scratched on the wall of a bedroom read: "This is what we're going to do with all niggers".

He said police told him not to discuss what he saw when he returned to England with his brother and visited the flat immediately after learning of the multiple murder.

"The National Front is very powerful in Dalston". Mr Cunningham said: "There are a lot of skinheads on the streets there, so I don't understand why Scotland Yard is not putting as much effort into investigating in that direction as it is in others. But then, it is also true that there are a lot of members of NF in the police.

"If it had been three white persons killed and if the initials "B P" (Black Power) had been written on the wall they'd have already found the criminal."

Jewelry theft

Police yesterday were hunting thieves who stole £30,000 of gems from a jewelry shop in South Molton Street, in the West End of London, yesterday. The thieves used keys they had stolen earlier from the home of the shop's owner.

Round two opens in Stansted battle

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Opponents of expansion at Heathrow airport claim that the proposed fifth terminal could not open before 1995. Critics, led by the British Airports Authority, will argue at a public inquiry which opens tomorrow that the Stansted solution would therefore be a cheaper, faster and more flexible answer to the demand for extra passenger capacity.

The authority, which owns both airports, is at the centre of a planning battle among local councils which want to divert the provision of extra airliner capacity away from their areas.

The battle began in mid-1980, when the authority applied to Uttlesford District Council, in Essex, for permission to enlarge Stansted into London's third airport.

A year later Uttlesford tried to trump the authority by asking for permission for a fifth terminal at Heathrow. Three are at present in use and a fourth is being built.

The authority spent at least £1m last year at the long public inquiry about expansion at Stansted. It will spend almost as much this year on the new inquiry, which will begin at a hotel near Heathrow. Mr Graham Eyre, QC, the inspector who presided at Stansted, will again be in charge. He will make simultaneous recommendations to ministers about both projects next year or in 1985.

The authority's opposition to the new terminal is shared by several county district councils to the west of London, the Greater London Council and at least 10 of the capital's borough councils. They want to stop expansion at Heathrow and divert it to Stansted, while councils to the east of the capital are promoting growth at Heathrow while opposing all but the smallest enlargement of Stansted.

Heathrow is now the world's busiest airport and the councils opposing the fifth terminal all believe that its surroundings are too crowded to accept further growth.

● British Airways' campaign for a fifth terminal at Heathrow suffered a further setback yesterday with the new evidence from the British Airports Authority (Our Transport Editor writes).

The authority published a new American study which purports to show that the growth in aircraft size, on which BA's case largley rests, will not happen.

Herpes treatment claim

By Our Medical Correspondent

A claim by American doctors that planned trials of vaccination against genital herpes represents a breakthrough has irritated researchers at Birmingham University who say they have already successfully treated cases and demonstrated the potential advantages of vaccination. They are concerned that the British research fails to gain credit.

Dr G. R. B. Skinner and his team from the department of medical microbiology report that in a recent trial the unaffected sexual partners of 60 known sufferers were given two vaccinations. None of the partners developed the disease after a second vaccination.

In another group, where the consort had already had one attack, a course of three vaccinations stopped further attacks in 75 per cent of the cases. In those patients who did have another attack the signs and symptoms were less severe and occurred less frequently.

It is normally assumed that 75 per cent of patients whose partners have herpes will develop the disease within a year.

Since the trial, reported in the *British Journal of Venereology*, was completed in June last year, a further 190 people at risk had been vaccinated by the Birmingham team; only two subsequently developed the disease, and they both had mild symptoms.

The vaccine used is prepared from herpes type one, the germ which causes the ordinary cold sore around the mouth. Venereologists have frequently noticed that patients who suffer from oral herpes only have mild symptoms with genital herpes.

The work in Birmingham seems to have shown that artificial vaccination with type one oral herpes virus gives an even greater degree of protection than the natural immunity obtained from having a cold sore. The only vaccination side effect noted has been a sore arm, lasting for three to six days. Where a woman did not realize that she was pregnant and had been vaccinated, there have been no demonstrable ill effects to the baby.

Cruise bargaining has makings of an agreement at Geneva

EAST-WEST ARMS TALKS
Part 1

In the first of four articles examining the state of East-West disarmament negotiations, RODNEY COWTON, *Defence Correspondent, assesses the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Force talks which are due to resume in Geneva on January 27.*

One of the big political issues of 1983 is going to be the controversy over the proposed deployment of cruise missiles in Britain, West Germany, Italy, Belgium and The Netherlands and of Pershing 2 missiles in West Germany.

While there will be much activity at Greenham Common, and at the Continental sites for these missiles, accompanied by demonstrations in Trafalgar Square and elsewhere, it is likely that the decisive action will be around the negotiating table at Geneva.

The planned deployment of the 572 Cruise and Pershing 2 missiles is a direct response by the West to the threat perceived in the Soviet deployment of its SS20 missiles. But it was only one half of that response; the other element was to offer the Soviet Union negotiations on the reduction of ground-based intermediate-range, or theatre, nuclear missiles.

As a result, the Intermediate Range Nuclear Force (INF) 1981. They take place in sessions lasting two months, with a two-month interval between. After three such sessions, they resume on January 27.

The talks are conducted on a bilateral basis between the US and the Soviet Union, with other Nato countries not directly involved, though kept closely in touch by America. So far the results have obscured rather than clarified the issues.

The American position has the advantage of simplicity and clarity, though in terms of likely political manoeuvrings this year it may also prove to have the disadvantage of rigidity. Basically, the US has said that if Russia will remove its already deployed land-based theatre nuclear missles, there will be no need for the West to deploy the cruise and Pershing 2s. This is the zero option.

On Western calculations, Russia has deployed about 350 rather elderly SS4 and SS5 missiles, each with a single warhead, which are in the process of being replaced by the SS20, highly mobile, much more accurate, with a greater range, and three warheads per missile.

Of the SS20s, about 230 are thought to be aimed at West Europe, with the remaining 100 being deployed in the Far East. The West contends that it has no equivalent ground-based missiles in Europe.

In response to the American zero option the Soviet Union has come up with proposals which embrace not merely ground-based missiles, but also include aircraft with nuclear strike capacity, based not only on the European mainland, but also in aircraft carriers. They have also put in the scales the British and French nuclear deterrent forces.

On this basis, and by the careful exclusion of certain types of their aircraft and inclusion of some categories of American aircraft, they have come to the conclusion that there is at present rough parity in theatre nuclear weapons.

It was this sort of arithmetic which led, before Christmas, to Mr Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader, putting forward proposals under which his country would reduce its intermediate nuclear forces in Europe to the same number as those maintained by Britain and France, on condition that American did not deploy either its cruise of Pershing 2 missiles.

The proposals have been rejected by the US for a number of reasons. They would leave America with no deployment whatsoever of theatre nuclear missiles in Europe, while Russia would retain a significant number of SS20s. Because a large proportion of American aircraft are capable of delivering both nuclear and conventional weapons, their elimination as part of a nuclear deal would also reduce the West's capacity for conventional war.

The West also argues that the British and French long range nuclear weapons should not be included, partly because the talks are purely bilateral between Moscow and Washington, partly because those froces are strategic in nature, and therefore not appropriate to the INF talks.

Nevertheless, the US is seeking clarification of the Soviet proposals.

An important difficulty confronting the West is the fact that the planned deployment of the cruise and Pershing 2 missiles has evoked aggressive opposition by the peace movements, which have already created political difficulties on the Continent, and may yet do so in Britain.

It is clear that Russia for military reasons, and the west for political reasons, would love to find a means of averting the deployment for the Cruise and Pershing missiles. In those two acts there ought to be the makings of an agreement.

Next: The strategic arms reduction talks.

Shadow of Bonn poll falls on EEC

From Ian Murray
Brussels

West Germany is now and for the next six months at the helm of the European Community. Tomorrow in Strasbourg Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister and President of the Council of Ministers, will spell out his hopes and aims for Europe over the next six months, and a daunting list of projects it will be.

But Herr Genscher personifies the dilemma of the West German Government as it faces up to the responsibilities of running the Council of Ministers. For although he is the doyen of all the foreign ministers in the Community, widely respected and known for his experience, he is fighting a desperate domestic election battle for survival. On March 6, when the West German electorate goes to the polls, all the signs are that he will be voted out of office.

Herr Genscher has, therefore, to decide whether to concentrate on working for Europe or for his own seat in the Bundestag. Most probably he will compromise and skilfully exploit the power and prestige of the presidency to give him invaluable publicity in his struggle for political survival.

He has already achieved considerable attention from the media by calling an urgent meeting in Brussels last week to discuss the fisheries crisis – a meeting he will continue in Strasbourg tomorrow morning in a further effort to break the deadlock. Should he succeed where so many others have failed over the past six years he is not expected modestly to hide the fact from his electorate.

Fishing apart, the West German presidency has put forward an ambitious 12-point programme for action and not all of it can be put off until March 6. Most early progress can be expected, however, on those subjects which will appeal to the West German voter, while feet in Bonn are likely to be dragged over unpopular subjects and in particular the British budget problem.

Thus the fight against unemployment, opening up the Community's internal market, fighting against protectionism worldwide, improving East-West relations, and helping Turkey back to democracy, are all likely priority areas.

Above all, emphasis will be placed on trying to get agreement on the unfortunately named European Act. This proposal for greater European union was largely Herr Genscher's brainchild, helped by his Italian counterpart, Signor Emilio Colombo. The fact that it is known in Community jargon as the "Genscher-Colombo plan" shows why the West German minister will work hard for its approval despite the many misgivings about it in most other member states.

The British budget problem, however, is a very unpopular subject in Bonn, whichever party is in power. Solving it inevitably means that the West German taxpayer must pay more and it was because she understood this that Mrs Margaret Thatcher is said to have promised pri vately not to press the subject too hard until after the West German elections.

Equally, she has made it clear that she is expecting significant progress on finding a long-term solution by the March summit meeting, so the next West German government will have precious little time to create a worthwhile initiative

A poll last week drawn up for the European Commission showed that the average West German felt he received less out of Community membership than any other nationality apart from the British. For all his promises tomorrow to the European Parliament, Herr Genscher is unlikely to say anything which might lose him a single vote back home.



Herr Genscher: Desperate fight for survival.

The house of cards

Demolishing the wonder homes

From Tim Jones, Croft, Gower Peninsula

Home next winter for Mr Philip Groves and his wife, Mairiwen, and their daughter will be a caravan on the Gower Peninsula buffeted by the strong winds which will whip off the wild Atlantic rollers. For the Airey home in which they have lived for 34 years has been condemned as unfit by Swansea City Council and is to be demolished.

Seven other families in the picturesque West Glamorgan village of Crofty are also to be moved out of their homes because of the weaknesses which threaten to bring reinforced concrete slabs crashing to the ground. Mrs Groves, aged 57, and the other householders learned that their houses were dangerous on a hot sunny day in July, 1981, when a council minibus pulled up outside their semi-detached properties and a council official stepped out to tell them the bad news.

Mrs Groves said: "It was a terrible shock to learn that the house in which I have lived ever since being married could collapse like a pack of cards. I have lived in this little village all my life and the thought of leaving Crofty is terrible".

She added: "Until that day we had lived in the house fairly happily. We moved in when we were married and it was so nice. It has hot water, a bathroom and toilet and it was so much better than what I had known before."

There are more than 25,000 Airey homes in Britain and their structural faults are causing concern to local authorities throughout the land. The problem has been caused because the metal pipes which form the central core of the support pillars are expanding and rusting, causing the concrete to flake and crack.

Mrs Groves said: "Apart from the fact that the houses have always been cold, there is no obvious sign that anything is wrong with them. But on a quiet day, when the wind is not blowing, you can hear the house cracking. Some of the concrete slabs are now only hanging on wires

"We should be paying £18.20 in rent, but the council has allowed us to keep to the old rate because the houses are condemned. Until the structural troubles were pointed out, our main complaint was the cold and the cost of heating. There is no insulation and we have to pay £12.20 a week for coal just to heat the living room."

A few doors away, Mr Hardie Jones and his wife, pensioners, are faced with the prospect of paying rent again for the first time in nine years. They realized an ambition by purchasing their home and have spent a lot of money on improvements.

Double-glazed windows keep out the cold and fresh paint gives the house the stamp of an owner-occupier. His wife said: "We do not want to say much other than it has come as a huge shock and I do not want to leave the village where I was born."

The families have been offered alternative accommodation by Swansea City Council or told they can live in caravans in the village until the houses are demolished and others built in their place. The council has decided that it is cheaper to demolish and rebuild than to try to repair houses erected by a system

Blaenau-Gwent District Council, which has 150 Airey homes, believes it has discovered a method of tackling the difficulty and has patented the system. It charges other local authorities £100 a house for the secret, which involves the correct replacement of the steel supports.

Concern over stolen goods sold at auction

Tony Samstag

Two recent cases of stolen goods being sold at auction and subsequently confiscated by the police have raised the issue of what, if any, responsibility the sale rooms have for making good the buyer's loss.

One collector who bought a painting at Christie's in 1978 and had to relinquish it to the police is suing the auctioneers for the return of £19,000, plus a 10 per cent buyers' premium. Christie's, however, claim that the small print in their condition of sale absolves them of responsibility. Details of the case are published in the *Antiques Trade Gazette*.

Last month, a similar case involved two Meissen cockerel-form teapots sold by Phillips in October for £5,352 (including the premium and VAT). Phillips promised to repay the buyer, while emphasizing that they were not legally required to do so.

In law, buyers can sue a dealer, even if he acted innocently, for the recovery of money paid for goods that turn out to be stolen. Most auctioneers' conditions of sale state, however, that no warranty is given and they only act as agents for the vendor.

Mr Beresford Willcox is suing Christie's on the grounds that they did not identify the vendor and owed him a "duty of care" to ensure that a good title was being passed on.

Papandreou hails Prague initiative

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The most positive and unreserved Nato response to the Warsaw Pact's offer of a non-aggression pact has come from Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister of Greece, who called for a summit between the two blocks to discuss the proposal.

Hailing the Prague initiative as a "courageous offer" to the Atlantic alliance, Mr Papandreou expressed the hope that it would elicit a "substantial response" from Nato countries.

Using almost the words of the declaration, the Greek leader said that since the "zero solution" was still not possible, "we should at least bring about a radical reduction of medium-range nuclear missiles on the basis of the principle of equal security".

Mr Papandreou said he hoped a positive response would come not only from Nato countries, but also from the conferences in Vienna, Geneva, and Madrid, or "even within the framework of a summit meeting of the two blocks".

The Greek reaction to the Prague declaration is in line with the Papandreou government's non-conformist philosophy within Nato that gives detente priority over the current misgivings about the effectiveness of Western security.

Mr Papandreou has publicly opposed the deployment by Nato of medium-range nuclear missiles in Western Europe.

● Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, said at the weekend that Soviet block proposals for a non-aggression pact were worth considering, but he described them as a clever move and urged caution in any negotiations on the subject with Mr Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader (Reuter reports).

The Canadian position was cautiously guarded he said, but Mr Andropov had "hit upon some tactically sound avenues".

New Jersey oil plant fire burns out

From Our Own Correspondent
New York

A thick curtain of slate-blue smoke was still draped over Newark, New Jersey, yesterday, just across the harbour from New York City, as a huge petroleum plant fire burnt itself out.

Firemen refused to approach the blaze or attempt to do other than prevent it spreading.

One man died in the fire and 23 others were injured, some with perforated eardrums, and officials warned Newark residents with respiratory problems to stay indoors

CIA sees positive Soviet growth

Washington (Reuter). – The United States Central Intelligence Agency has warned afresh that it would be wrong for Western policy makers to underestimate the Soviet Union's economic strength.

The caution is contained in previously secret CIA testimony to the joint economic committee of Congress made public at the weekend.

"We do not consider an economic collapse – a sudden and sustained decline in gross national product – even a remote possibility," Mr Henry Rowen, CIA national intelligence council chairman, told the committee.

The CIA report is the second in as many weeks to portray the Soviet economy as generally self-sufficient and growing, although at a slower rate than in recent years. The testimony was requested by Senator William Proxmire, who said the CIA report showed the Soviet Union was "perhaps the most self-reliant industrialized nation".

The views of the CIA's Soviet experts run counter to the publicized Reagan Administration perception of the Soviet Union as militarily strong but an economic cripple. Mr Rowen acknowledged an "unusual amount of confusion" in official circles and among the public as to the strengths and weaknesses of the Soviet Union.

Mr Rowen said the CIA felt the Soviet economy would grow at a slow, but positive, rate and predicted a growth of 1 to 2 per cent "for the possible future".

Since 1978 there had been a steady slowdown in the Soviet Union's yearly growth, reflecting four consecutive poor harvests. But the CIA reports that industrial performance has also been slack. Some of this is due to inefficiencies and bottlenecks in the Soviet system that even Mr Yuri Andropov, its new leader, will be unable to change, according to the CIA.

In its generally cautious view of the economic future of the Soviet Union, the CIA believes that, if Mr Andropov were to introduce major policy changes, the forecast of 1 to 2 per cent growth could be off the mark.

Onslow's gaffe strains relations with Harare

From Stephen Taylor
Harare

Mr Cranley Onslow, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, flew out of Harare on Saturday leaving both government and civilian circles disconcerted by Whitehall's new hardnosed view of Zimbabwe.

Although reassurances that Britain is not about to pull the military and economic aid rug from under Zimbabwe's feet seem to have been accepted here, the air of strain over the visit was not eased by a diplomatic gaffe by Mr Onslow at a public meeting.

The Zimbabweans were offended in the first place that he had been briefed to consult Mr Ian Smith, the Republican Front leader and former Prime Minister, in the process of reviewing policy towards Mr Robert Mugabe's government. Questioned critically on this matter at a meeting on Thursday night Mr Onslow concluded by reassuring his listeners: "I am glad to say relations between Britain and Rhodesia are excellent."

This point and others in Mr Onslow's address to the Britain-Zimbabwe Society were seized upon by *The Herald* newspaper, which clearly felt he had been more equivocal than he ought over South African attempts to undermine Zimbabwe. The headline over the front page report read: "SA seeking peace" says UK envoy.

At a press conference before leaving Harare Mr Onslow defended the decision to see Mr Smith, as well as other members of the white community, and denied it implied approval of Mr Smith's opinions on Zimbabwe.

Women crushed

Five women died yesterday and more than 30 people were injured in a sudden crush caused as a gate was opened at Harare airport just before the arrival of Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister, for an official visit. The tragedy was not noticed by most of the thousands of people gathered at the airport.

Mr Smith's November meeting in London with Mrs Thatcher is however seen here as meaning something akin to that. It is also believed that the meeting contributed to the decision to reappraise relations with Harare.

Allegations of human rights violations made by Mr Smith and others and supported by some evidence have had hardline conservatives in Britain, who were suspicious of the independence settlement from the start, calling for all aid to be suspended.

Local officials are confident after Mr Onslow's visit that that will not happen. It is understood that there is no question of the 102-man British military training contingent being withdrawn, although it will probably be run down by about 50 per cent over the next year as more Zimbabwean military trainers emerge.

The question of assisting Zimbabwe to rebuild the air force shattered by sabotage explosives last July is less clear cut. The Government will not have difficulty buying the Hawker Hunter fighters it wants to replace those destroyed at Thornhill air base but Britain is unlikely to provide the vital ground maintenance staff requested.

This is being explained as a consequence of a shortage of qualified personnel in Britain but it will probably be seen here as a sanction arising from reports that white air force officers suspected of involvement in the sabotage have been tortured.

Harare was decked out in welcoming flags, banners and posters yesterday to greet the arrival of Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister, and crowds lined the road from the airport to the capital.

The welcome for the Chinese leader, who is on the eighth leg of an African tour, was particularly warm because China gave strong backing to the ruling Zanu (PF) Party in the early days of the guerrilla war.

At a dinner for Mr Zhao last night Mr Mugabe said no country had helped his party more.

● **LUSAKA:** On Saturday, Mr Zhao accused South Africa of carrying out acts of sabotage and aggression against neighbouring countries and called for mandatory sanctions against the Pretoria Government (Reuter reports).

Speaking at a Zambian state banquet held in his honour at a Lusaka hotel, Mr Zhao said South Africa's white-minority Government was fighting a last-ditch battle against approaching independence in Namibia and against its own black majority.

"It repeatedly carries out political subversion and economic sabotage against, and even launches armed raids and military interventions into neighbouring countries, thus disrupting peace and stability in southern Africa", he said.

Sadat challenges his accusers

Mr Ismat Sadat, brother of the late Egyptian President, addressing the judges at his resumed trial on corruption charges in Cairo yesterday. In an impassioned speech from the prisoners' enclosure, punctuated by loud applause from several members of his family, Mr Sadat invited the state to find and take back the millions of Egyptians pounds he is accused of swindling, but declared he had nothing like the fortune he is alleged to have amassed (Reuter reports).

He pleaded not guilty to a 24-count indictment which said he and his family had piled up £E124m (about £900m) through fraud, black market dealing, peddling influence during the rule of his brother, and selling contaminated food. Mr Sadat said: "The family fortunes now amount to about 1,800,000 pounds at the most. If these other millions are true then I am ready to sign a paper right now handing them over on behalf of my family."

In the prisoners' enclosure with him were two of his sons, Galal and Talat, all being held in custody. The prosecution has demanded that they be jailed for a year and their property seized. It is also seeking confiscation of goods owned by one of Mr Sadat's wives and 10 of his 15 children.

Uproar broke out in the packed courtroom when Mrs Ihsan Shafie, a woman lawyer unconnected with the case, jumped up to denounce Mr Sadat and his family. "I am speaking on behalf of the people", Mrs Shafie said.

A defence lawyer threatened to withdraw from the case unless Mrs Shafie was silenced and spectators were ordered to stop bursting into applause after every speech.

The case has been strongly pictured in the Egyptian press as symptomatic of the corruption which allegedly reigned in the later years of President Sadat. It was brought under the "law of shame" enacted by the late Egyptian leader to combat corruption.

Mandela raid police seize a bedspread

Johannesburg (Reuter) – Police have raided the home of the wife of Mr Nelson Mandela, the jailed black nationalist leader, and seized books, documents, a bedspread and other items, neighbours said.

The raid took place as two white opposition members of Parliament were visiting Mrs Winnie Mandela's home in the Orange Free State town of Brandfort on Friday.

One of them, Mrs Helen Suzman, said the bedspread taken by police seemed to be in the colours of the banned African National Congress (ANC) or Zulu Chief Gatsha Buthelezi's Inkatha Movement.

A police spokesman in Pretoria confirmed the raid and said a case was being investigated for submission to the Attorney-General. Under a five-year banning order made last month, Mrs Mandela is restricted to Brandfort, where she has lived since being ordered out of the black satellite city of Soweto, outside Johannesburg, in May 1977.

● ***Indian course:*** The South African Indian Council is expected to join the Coloured Labour Party in agreeing to participate in the tricameral parliamentary system for whites, Coloureds and Indians (Ray Kennedy writes).

Mr Amichand Rajbansi, the council's executive chairman, said this weekend it would give *the system "a fair trial"*.

He said: "I do not think our consciences will suffer if we play our roles right".

The Labour Party's qualified acceptance of the reform package last week has already *shattered political ranks.*

The official white opposition, the Progressive Federal Party (PFP), is unable to decide whether to support the reform proposals as a step in the right direction or to dismiss them as a clever effort to maintain the status quo.

● **Double premiums:** Black motorists with a leading South African insurance firm will have to pay double the premiums paid by white drivers from next month.

Mr Peter Moss, deputy general manager of the Johannesburg-based Aegis insurance company, said this weekend: "There is nothing racialistic in our attitude. Our statistics show that black people, including Indians and Coloured, claim more money than they pay."

Bulgarian face to face with Agca

From Peter Nichols
Rome

Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish terrorist who tried to kill the Pope in May, 1981, was brought face to face for seven hours on Saturday with Mr Sergei Antonov, the Bulgarian airline official he claims helped *him to organize the assassination attempt.*

Agca *is serving a life* sentence. It was their second encounter since Mr Antonov's arrest last autumn on suspicion of complicity in the plot. The meeting took place in Rome's Rebibbhia prison.

A *decision about Mr* Antonov's arrest is now not expected before the end of the week.

After their first encounter in November, the Turkish press published reports alleging that Agca apologized to Mr Antonov for involving him but said he could not avoid doing so. Agca was said to have addressed him by the name Bailamic, which he claimed was the code-name used by Mr Antonov. The reports said Mr Antonov insisted he had never seen Agca before.

Sick Zia misses Cabinet action on drugs

From Our Correspondent
Islamabad

President Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan was taken ill and was unable to preside yesterday over his first Cabinet meeting since *returning from the US* and Canada late last month. A spokesman said General Zia was unable to chair the meeting because of "some indisposition" and Mr Ghulam Ishaq Khan took his place.

The meeting decided to raise the maximum punishment for use and illegal trade of drugs to life imprisonment under the relevant Islamic codes.

15,000 police to control Assam elections

From Trevor Fishlock, Delhi

Anti-government agitators have *launched a campaign of* disruption to try to prevent elections in the troubled state of Assam, in north-east India.

The Government has sent 15,000 men of the paramilitary central reserve police to help to keep order and ensure that elections for the state assembly are held on February 14.

But the agitators, who are locked in a long-running dispute with the Government over the migration of people from Bangladesh, are determined to prevent elections, just as they did three years ago.

They say that Assamese *people are being swamped in* their own territory by migrants. They want some of them sent back over the border

Meanwhile, in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, Mr N. T. Rama Rao, whose new regional party defeated Mrs Gandhi's Indira Congress Party in last week's elections, was sworn in as Chief Minister yesterday. A jubilant crowd of *100,000 watched the ceremony* at a stadium in Hyderabad. A man was killed in a stampede by thousands of people who could not get in to the stadium.

Lebanon crisis

Muslim daggers drawn with Muslim

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

Seven weeks of fierce battles in the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli have dragged Syria into the quagmire of Lebanese sectarian struggles, anti-Syrian sentiments and the tangled mess of *Lebanon's* political rivalries.

In the case of Tripoli, it has been Muslim fighting Muslim in the bizarre web of alliances created since the civil war of 1975. On one side are Muslim *Alawites, of the pro-Syrian Arab* Democratic Party headed by Mr Nasseeb Khateeb.

Tripoli's 15,000 Alawites – the minority Muslim sect that rules Syria – are mainly first and second generation Syrian *immigrants who enjoy the* active support of Syrian troops stationed in Lebanon.

The 25,000 to 30,000 Syrian troops in east and north Lebanon were first sent in as a peace force under an Arab *League mandate in 1976. Their* mandate has since expired but remains effective pending a request by the Lebanese Government to end it. In the meantime they have come to be regarded more as occupiers than peacekeepers by both Christians and Muslims.

Opposing them is a coalition of anti-Syrian Sunni Muslim groups headed by the "October 24 movement", formerly the *Popular Resistance Movement* of Mr Farouk Mokaddam. The date is significant only in that it marks the day Mr Mokaddam created the militia.

Mr Mokaddam, aged 47, was often described as Tripoli's Robin Hood during the Lebanese *civil war when his militia* ruled the city, forcing the rich to feed the poor. He left Tripoli soon after the Syrians arrived in 1976 and lived in Paris until 1980. When he returned he began to organize opposition against the Alawites and Syrians in Tripoli.

Since then Mr Mokaddam has managed to gain the support of minor left-wing Muslim groups in Tripoli and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as well as other fundamentalist Muslim groups *such as the* "Soldiers of God" and the "Islamic Unity Movement". Pro-Iraqi Baathists, long opposed to the Syrian regime, have also thrown in their lot with Mr Mokaddam.

The Alawites have been despised by the Sunni Muslims for centuries because of their belief that Ali, the son of the Prophet Muhammad, is the more important "Messenger of God".

Sunni Muslim opposition to the Syrian Army's presence in Tripoli, whose population of 500,000 is predominantly Sunni, was further ignited by the Syrian Army's crackdown of the *fundamentalist Muslim* Brotherhood organization

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Damascus accord

Lebanese security police patrolled Tripoli yesterday after agreement to deploy them with Lebanese Army backing was reached by Mr Shafik Wazzan, the Lebanese *Prime Minister, and President* Assad of Syria in Damascus on Saturday. Fighting that has claimed about 200 lives in Tripoli in the past seven weeks was renewed at the weekend, triggered by the killing of a *Muslim Alawite shopkeeper.*

Israel holds 86 Arabs after blast

Tel Aviv (AFP) – Israeli police arrested 86 Arabs at the weekend after a grenade attack on a bus on Saturday that wounded 11 people including two children.

Investigators found two pins *from* Soviet-made grenades, which are often used by Palestinian forces, leading to suspicion that the attack was from a Palestinian terrorist *organization. It was the worst* terrorist attack in the city for seven years.

● **JERUSALEM:** Israeli government sources yesterday expressed optimism that a breakthrough was imminent in the disagreement over the agenda which has prevented any progress during the first two weeks of negotiations between Israel and Lebanon over the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanese soil (Christopher Walker writes).

When the fifth round of talks *takes place later today in the* battered Lebanese seaside town of Khalde the two delegations are expected to present the response of their respective Governments to a complicated American diplomatic compro*mise suggested last week by* Mr Morris Draper, President Reagan's Middle East envoy.

A report on the proposal was presented to the Cabinet yesterday by Mr David Kimche, Israel's chief negotiatior, the director general of the Foreign Ministry and a former senior Mossad official.

It is understood that ministers were broadly in favour *although no final announce*ment of Jerusalem's stand will be made until the Lebanese response has been made public.

● **BEIRUT:**US *marines from* the multinational peacekeeping force at the weekend prevented Israeli troops from moving into the southern Beirut suburb of *Bourj el-Brajneh, according to* two newspapers (AFP reports).

Al Nahar and *Al Safir,* quoting Shia Muslim sources, said the Israelis twice tried to move into the area, advancing on two fronts. But marines stationed near the airport surrounded them and brought in reinforcements by helicopters, which then continued to patrol the sector.

● **AMMAN:**Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation *leader,* met Jordanian leaders yesterday for talks on *the outcome of* King Husain's discussions with President Reagan in December on the Middle East crisis (Reuter reports).

The talks will take up the question of future links between Jordan and a *Palestinian* homeland on the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, the official Jordanian news agency Petra said.

● **CAIRO:**President Mubarak of Egypt issued a warning that the Arabs have six months to a year to reach a settlement with Isral based on President Reagan's peace formula (AP reports).

Mr Mubarak urged King Hussein and Mr Arafat to "negotiate and come to conclusions" before the US presidential campaign gets under way.

Soviet prisoner claim

Islamabad (AP). – A Soviet soldier, initially said by newspapers here to be a defector, is in fact being held prisoner by an Afghan guerilla group in Peshawar, near the Afghan border, guerilla sources said yesterday.

The sources, who have been reliable in the past, would not say where the soldier was being held but they identified him as Private Alexanovic Bagagan *Giforgyan, aged 22 and born in* Armenia. He was said to have been taken prisoner on December 29, two days after the third anniversary of Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Private Giforgyan would be *the ninth Soviet prisoner to be* kept alive by his captors since the intervention. Three are believed to be held in guerilla camps near the Pakistan border.

Quake team inspects ski slopes

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

A group of scientists this weekend joined thousands of skiers on the slopes of the Mammoth Lakes resort, but *instead of bringing their skis* and poles they travelled with an assortment of earth-measuring instruments.

For the hills – and mountains – around the popular High Sierras resort town, some 300 *miles north of Los Angeles,* are alive with tiny earthquakes that have been shaking, rattling and rolling the community for the past few days.

Since last Thursday more than 1,000 earthquakes have shaken the area. After initial panic, when the bigger quakes recorded 5.5 and 5.6 on the Richter scale, they dropped to 2 and the skiers returned to the slopes.

With them came more than a dozen scientists, to try to decide what is causing the jolts and to assess what a plug of molten rock is doing just a few miles below the surface.

There have been no serious injuries and residents and visitors have become accustomed to the hiccupping of the earth.

The scientist will decide what to do about a "volcanic hazards notice". If it is *changed to a* "watch", it implies that geol*ogists have recognized an active* process at work underground. Scientists will also try to measure how much, if any, of the ground south-east of the resort has been deformed by the rash of quakes. Thursday's jolts *comprised the biggest activity* since four large shocks hit the area in 1980.

A spokeswoman at Mammoth Lakes said business on the ski slopes was back to normal on Saturday

SS killer Himmler was hero to his daughter

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

Reichsführer SS Heinrich Himmler, head of the Gestapo, personally responsible for the death of at least 10 million people, was to his daughter Gudrun a shining hero, a powerful god who could even decide the date for the family Christmas: "Sometimes December 17th, at others the 20th or 21st, because Pappi can only be present then."

For Gudrun, such rare wartime visits to the Himmlers' family chalet at Gmund were a time of excitement and joy, and *she faithfully recorded them in* her diary. He came back once on May 20 1942 from Holland, bringing "many vegetables, fruit and 150 tulips" – something she had never seen before. "Puppi" as Himmler called his daughter, then aged 12, described his arrival: "It was wonderful *weather.* We were sitting on the terrace in the evening . . . suddenly there was a loud toot, we wondered who was allowed to do that, and there was Pappi".


Father and daughter: Himmler with Gudrun in 1938.

Pappi swallowed cyanide three years later when a British patrol to which he had gone on disguise discovered his identity. *Gudrun* fled with here *mother* Margarete Himmler to the Tyrol, recording on April 29 1945 – the last entry on her diary: "These are hard times for the world and especially for us." after the war Margarete became a nurse and died a few years ago.

Gudrun Himmler is married, has three children and lives *quietly as a 53-year-old* housewife in Munich. Extracts from her long-lost diary, recently discovered, have been published in the German weekly magazine *Stern.*

They show a world dominated by her father, his position and influence. "The whole nation looks at him. He always stands back and never pushes *himself to the front. She began* her diary in the summer of 1941, recording the daily events of her glass-dome existence, the comings and goings at home. "Mummy is going to Berlin and I'm very sad and cry. Pappi *calls up twice a week."* And "I've got a new tortoise. She's called Lieselotte".

Her life was rather lonely, her father always working. But there were occasional excitements – a visit to Munich, luxury accommodation at the Four Seasons Hotel, a seat in the royal box at the theatre, other girls making sure she was comfortable ("because I am G. H. I.").

But *the shadow of the war* began gradually to dominate the diary. Aunt Edith came from Berlin to live with them because of the worsening bombing of the big cities – she brought two children and Aunt Hilde *brought three, but relations* were strained.

The Himmlers upstairs, Gudrun said, "are always puffing themselves up, we only have formal contacts with them, and every other Saturday evening they are invited."

Ironically, another young girl, born in the same year, was also recording the events of the war, *hidden in the back of a house in* Amsterdam – Anne Frank. She also idealized her father, wrote of the hopes for an end to the war.

Gudrun Himmler said on November 1 that if peace came "we will *certainly get a country* estate in the east . . . Yes, if only peace came, but that'll be a long time. And the battles are so indescribably fierce. In the East we were at the gates of Stalingrad, and now we're *behind Kiev. Unfortunately* a lot of Germans don't believe in victory any more. But we must win."

On June 6 Anne Frank wrote *excitedly* about *D-Day,* about the jubilation in their tiny hiding place, and wrote three weeks later of the German retreat on each front. Gudrun Himmler said on July 15: "A shelter has now been built in the playground, which is awful, all that noise and always prisoners, and then we're not allowed to go here or there."

She went on to talk of everyone believing so strongly in victory, and as the daughter of such a popular and distinguished man I must also believe in it. It's just unimaginable that we should lose."

Victim: Anne Frank – parallel diary.

Guards held hostage at Sing Sing

New York – Prisoners at Ossining prison, which used to be known popularly as Sing Sing, 30 miles up river from New York City, seized 16 guards yesterday and held them hostage. Negotiations were *carried on by telephone* between the prisoners and a special "crisis intervention unit" (Michael Hamlyn writes).

In the morning one of the guards, who had been *hit on the* head with a plank, was released *in exchange* for medicine, including an epilepsy drug and antibiotics.

A spokesman for New York state's Department of Correc*tions said all the* hostages were safe, though some suffered minor injuries. No details were given of the prisoners' demands.

Trail of damage in car chase

Bonn (AP) – Eight police cars, including an armoured limousine used to protect policians, were damaged and four officers injured during a half-hour chase after a Mercedes driven by a Moroccan who went through a red light near Bonn.

Police fired pistol shots in vain attempts to halt the Moroccan. When forced to stop, he attacked police with a screwdriver and said: "I am Jesus Christ and was born 2,000 years ago." The damage caused by the driver was put at up to *£25,000.*

Peru provinces hit by floods

Lima (AFP) – The Peruvian Government has declared a state of emergency in the north-west provinces of Piura and Tunges after torrential rains in the eastern slopes of the Ander caused three rivers *to overflow* and flooded parts of the city of Piura.

An emergency had alredy been decreed in Cuzco province, in the south-east, where hailstorms, heavy rain and gales *caused landslips and destroyed* crops. One-tenth of Peru is now under a state of emergency.

Prices soar in Indonesia

Jakarta – Prices climbed throughout Indonesia after a 45 per cent rise in fuel prices introduced by the Government to combat the recession and falling international oil prices.

Official announcements said domestic sea cargo and passenger rates would rise 23 per cent, air fares by 20 per cent, taxi fares by about 20 per cent and *postal and telegraph rates by 10* per cent.

Munich brawl

Munich (Reuter) – Scuffles broke out yesterday between anti-Nazi demonstrators and people meeting at a beer cellar to honour *Hans-Ulrich Rudel,* Nazi Germany's most highly decorated war pilot, who died last month. About 20 young people, who shouted "Nazis out of Munich" through loudspeakers were removed by police.

Claret crooks

Paris (Reuter) – A gang of thieves known for its taste in wines struck again in the Bordeaux region, making off with choice claret worth *200,000 francs (about £18,000)* from Château Timberlay. The gang has collected 50,000 bottles of vintage wine in the past two years.

Wife jailed

Washington, (Reuter) – Mrs Mary Sue Hubbard, wife of L. Ron Hubbard, founder of the Church of Scientology, was sentenced here to four years in prison and fined $10,000 (about £6,250) for her part in a conspiracy to steal documents relating to the church from federal government buildings.

Late homage

Paderborn (Reuter). – The Soviet Union is to allow some relatives to visit the graves of German soldiers who died in Soviet prison camps during the *Second World War, Herr Adolf* Barth, a war graves commission leader, announced here. Fifteen relatives will visit three camps this summer.

Strike success

Lima (AFP) – The 200,000 inhabitants of Ayachucho in south-east Peru obeyed a 24-hour strike call by the Maoist guerrillas of Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) on Saturday. Trade and transport in the city were paralysed.

Ban lifted

Madrid (Reuter) – The *Spanish Government lifted* a ban on Gibraltarians resident in Spain from going home across the border, which was partly reopened on December 15 after 13 years of blockade.

In the dark

Islamabad (AFP). – A failure at Pakistan's main hydro-electric station on the giant Tarbela Dam left much of the country without power for several hours over the weekend. The cause is not known.





Argentina exploits the Cuban connexion

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Latin American politics, jolted by the Falklands war is settling back into its old complexities; but Argentina remains defiant. Not only are Washington's Buenos Aires, is pursuing its newly found friendship with Nicaragua and Cuba with a vengeance.

The most striking example of this policy will be the presence of Señor Juan Ramón Aguirre Lanari, the Argentine Foreign Minister, at a meeting of the executive body of the non-eligned countries which begins today in Managua to discuss the strife in Central America and provoke memories of the Falklands war.

Nicaragua, seeking to undermine the regional gathering that endorsed United States policy in Central America last autumn, called for the meeting knowing the non-aligned countries provide it with its most sympathetic forum. Despite intense lobbying by Washington against the Sandinist Government, it won a diplomatic victory by winning a two-year term on the Security Council, a measure of Third World support.

The meeting also comes in the wake of ministerial talks attended by Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and Panama on new initiatives for defusing the Central American crisis and will attempt to seize the growing displeasure with Washington's tactics, which shun negotiated settlements in El Salvador's civil war and in tensions between Honduras and Nicaragua.

After the release of authoritative reports of CIA operations to subvert the Sandinist Government, the military, consistently issuing warnings of imminent aggression, not only feels vindicated but has enough fuel in its propaganda war with Washington to make the non-aligned meeting more than a success.

For propaganda reasons Argentina's attendance gains in significance. Señor Aguirre Lanari's participation pays back a debt incurred during the Falklands conflict, when Nicaragua sounded one of the more unequivocal voices of support.

Nicaragua in a sense has plotted the path the Argentine military regime is following for reinforced international support over the Falklands to bring Britain to the negotiating table. For that purpose Argentina needs Cuba, the leader of the non-aligned and an ally and protector of Nicaragua.

In Managua Señor Aguirre Lanari will be attempting to lay the groundwork for unqualified support for negotiations from the non-aligned movement when it holds its summit in Delhi in March.

Last week an Argentine foreign ministry delegation held consultations in Havana to outline an offensive for those members that chose to give either their tacit or outright support to Britain in the UN General Assembly last November.

The hope is that by the next General Assembly Britain's diplomatic influence over the Caribbean countries and moderate Arabs will have waned and the international pressure for negotiations, now somewhat ambiguous, will be nearly absolute. Thus Washington's vote of support in the General Assembly is accepted. But keeping the US in abeyance is strategically wiser.

Kirk drama loses sight of real issues

From Christopher Follett
Esbjerg

The publicity surrounding Captain Kent Kirk's challenge to Britain's new 12-mile offshore fishing limits last week has obscured the reality behind Denmark's seeming intransigence in the EEC fisheries dispute.

At stake for Denmark is its position as the European Community's biggest fish exporter. Employing 100,000 people, it is the world's third largest exporter after the United States and Japan. There are 15,000 Danish fishermen at sea, the same number of people employed ashore and a further 70,000 working in auxiliary industries.

Although representing only 1.5 per cent of Denmark's gross domestic product, fishing plays a more important role in Denmark's economy than in that of any other EEC nation.

The common fisheries policy, agreed by Denmark's EEC partners last month, offered Britain, the biggest EEC fishing nation, 35 per cent of the total catch in Community waters, allotting Denmark about 23 per cent, roughly 7 per cent less than it had demanded.

According to the Danish Fishery Industry Export Association, the policy as it stands would have cost Denmark more than 7,000 jobs and at least 1,000m kroner (£72m) a year in lost exports.

Denmark exports fish worth 7,000m kroner a year, 85 per cent of it for human consumption, mainly top quality white fish such as plaice and cod, which reaches the centre of Europe in time to be sold the following day, thanks to an efficient distribution system. The remainder is industrial fish.

Denmark is today the main exporter of fish to West Germany and the Benelux countries as well as dominating the British, French, Swiss and Italian markets.

At the root of the controversy with Britain are questions of cost-effectiveness and structure. Denmark's fishing fleet of 7,000 boats is almost wholly privately owned by the skippers themselves. While British fishing boats are normally manned by eight men, the Danes have crews of four who share 50 per cent of the total catch value, the rest going to running costs and reinvestment.

It is the size of the catch which determines the earnings of Danish fishermen, who can earn up to £20,000 in a successful year.

Since 1975 Esbjerg, which is Denmark's biggest fishing port, has modernized and halved its fishing fleet to 315 vessels. It had just begun to feel more optimistic about the future. Fifty per cent of Esbjerg's 1,300 fishermen's catches feed the port's three fishmeal plants, one of which is the biggest in the EEC.

At the heart of Danish fishing organizations' criticisms of the common fisheries policy is their conviction that it transfers fishing quotas from efficient industries to those less capable of effectively processing catches, leaving the consumer to pay the bill.

Crime wave worries Russians

Moscow (Reuter) – The Soviet Union's top law enforcement officer has expressed alarm about the lack of public order in some parts of the country and said that people are deeply disturbed by the activities of criminals.

In an article yesterday in *Pravda*, Mr Alexander Rekunkov, Procurator-General, said: "Any indulgence towards malicious criminals cannot be tolerated".

Mr Rekunkov made special mention of hooligans, drunkards, speculators, grafters, embezzlers and people who disrupt production. He said that punishment for vehicle thefts and small-scale robbery would now be more severe.

The Procurator-General said that in the city of Gorky, east Moscow, residents complained that it was dangerous to walk in the streets at night

He criticized the Gorky authorities for complacency and said several policemen and law officials had been punished for not carrying out their duties.

Law and order has been a major theme of the Soviet media since the new party leader, Mr Yuri Andropov, launched a big campaign against corruption and petty crime. Last month, the leadership announced longer prison terms

In his *Pravda* article, Mr Rekunkov said: "Instances of covering up crimes are persisting in the organs of internal affairs".

He said that in Georgia higher penalties for burglary had justified themselves and that other republics had adopted similar measures. Crimanals had often been restored to their former status in society. In future, people who ignored court decisions banning certain individuals from particular posts would be prosecuted. Habitual criminals should feel the full weight of Soviet legal retribution and tougher measures were now being taken against them, Mr Rekunkov said.



Poznan's towering achievement

A crane lifting one of two restored towers into position atop a Franciscan church in Poznan, Poland. The twin towers had been missing from the church since Poznan's liberation in 1945. In a three-day operation the giant crane first lifted the bases of the two cupolas 180 ft above street level, and then brought up the tops of the towers, each weighing 17½ tons, finally restoring the church to its original splendour.

Polish journalist attacks martial law in church

From Roger Boyes, Podkowa Lesna, Poland

In an unusual challenge to the Polish authorities, a leading journalist who is a former Communist, yesterday criticized martial law and spoke with rare candour about relations between Warsaw and Moscow.

Mr Stefan Bratkowski, former head of the Polish journalists' union, was speaking to 500 worshippers at a church in the former spa resort of Pookowa Lesna. He described martial law as a military success but a political failure which had widened the gap between the leaders and the led.

"Most of society is convinced that martial law was aimed at society as a whole rather than at small groups of extremists", Mr Bratkowski said in his first address to a public gathering since martial law was declared

Mr Bratkowski, who was interrupted by occasional ripples of applause, analysed the reasons for martial law – claiming that it was the result of competing and frustrated power elites – amd said that Poland must experience genuine reforms.

The Soviet Union too had to reform itself in order to relieve the strains on its economy and the p)rospect of unrest in the Baltic and central Asian republics.

But in the Soviet Union, in contrast to Poland, such pressure for change had to come from the leadership rather than popular discontent because Russians identified with their state. "This is not very easy for us to understand but these are the facts", Mr Bratkowski said.

The journalist, who was expelled from the Communist Party before the declaration of martial law, called for "agreement, a *modus vivendi*" in Poland an for an honest appraisal of the Soviet-Polish relationship.

There was a feeling in the intermediate ranks of the Soviet hierarchy that the Poles must come to regard Russians "not as our enemies, but as our neighbours".

The meeting was highly unusual in an East European state where such questioning of fundamentals has been taboo apart from the brief Solidarity era.

Although martial law has been partially suspended, Mr Bratkowski may well have violated a number of clauses of the penal code. Security policemen were present in the congregation–references to them by the local priest drew laughter and applause from the worshippers–but there have been no reports yet of an arrest.

Mr Bratkowski presented a number of facts which would normally never have passed the censorship office had they been written for the polish press. The drop in industrial production was far more dramatic than officially admitted, Mr Bratkowski said, the efficency of the Army had fallen because of its conversion into an "army of occupation" and the administrative bureaucracy which had supported the imposition of martial law blocking efforts to reform the Polish economy.

● WARSAW: More than 1,000 of the men and women who were interned under matial law have since applied to emigrate to the West, the Communist Party newspaper *Trybuna Ludu* reported (Reuter reports).

It said that 1,228 former internees were among 4,166 people officially registered as applying to leave between March and December last year. Passports had been issued to 500 of those registered but only 144 had so far received visas from Western countries.

Palme budget will hit 'lame ducks'

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Mr Olof Palme's recently elected socialist Government today presents an austerity budget aimed at correcting the imbalance in the Swedish economy. The budget is unlikely to find favour with either the party's left wing or the powerful union movement.

The budget statement by Mr Kjell-Olof Feldt, the Finance Minister, cuts state subsidies to "lame duck" industries and contains no mention of many promised reforms, among them the controversial socialist election pledge to introduce so-called wage-earner funds which would allow the unions to but shares in private industry.

The aim of the budget, Mr Feldt says, is to break the recent trend towards an annual increase of the central government deficit.

He says the budget deficit for the 1983-84 financial year is expected to amount to 90,200m kronor (£7,500m), compared with 91,800m kronor for the current financial year. In terms of gross national product it will fall from 14 per cent to around 12.5 per cent.

"By way of a very restrictive budgetary process it has been possible to keep the deficit down, despite the fact that the expenditures for interest payments will increase by almost 11 billion Swedish kronor," Mr Feldt says.

He admits that inflation will increase to an estimated 11.5 per cent, while wages will increase by 7 per cent, and he says unemployment is likely to remain at present levels (estimated at 3.5 per cent, but thousands of workers are in subsidized employment and thousands more on reeducation courses with little hope of finding a job when they finish).

The Government's forecast for the economy gives a growth rate in 1983 of 1.4 per cent, equal, Mr Feldt says, to the average for the industrialized nations but higher than the European average.

He says that private consumption will fall by 2.5 per cent as real incomes are cut and that total consumption will be cut by more than 1 per cent.

But the improved competitiveness of Swedish industry from the Government's 16 per cent devaluation will allow Swedish companies to expand in both export and domestic markets.

Swedes seized in Riga

From Our Correspondent, Stockholm

A Swedish woman and her daughter, arrested while visiting relatives in Latvia were expected to be deported today in what diplomats here saw as possible retaliation for the expulsion of three Russians by Sweden at Christmas.

The Swedish Foreign Ministry said the woman, Mrs Baiba Vitolins, aged 45, Latvian-born, had been interrogated for 12 hours by police in Riga, the Latvian capital, before being told she would be expelled.

Mr Juris Kaza, an American journalist who was in Riga at the time, said Mrs Vitolins had been accused of illegal currency dealings and would be put on a boat to Helsinki today with her 17-year-old daughter Ilga.

Diplomats in Stockholm said the deportation could be the first move in a clampdown on Swedish visitors following Sweden's expulsion of two Soviet diplomats and a Russian civilian accused of spying.

The Times Profile: The House of Indira Gandhi

The family plot at No 1 Safdarjang Road



India's ruling dynasty: (top row, left to right) Motilal Nehru, Jawaharal Nehru, Mrs Vijaya Pandit, (second row) Sanjay Gandhi, Maneka, Rajiv Gandhi, Sonia, (bottom) Indira Gandhi

Indira Nehru Gandhi's great-grandfather was a police chief in the service of the last Moghul emperor of India. Her grandfather was a successful lawyer who sent his son to Harrow and later exchanged English pinstripe for coarse nationalist homespun. Her father was chosen by Mahatma Gandhi to rule free India and was prime minister for 17 years.

She herself does so for a salary of £140 a month, plus perks. Her taciturn younger son, Sanjay, it is sobering to reflect, might have inherited her chair. Her diffident elder son, Rajiv, took his place at her side. Her jealous daughter-in-law, Maneka, persona non grata at court, broods on the sidelines. This is the House of Nehru, the phenomenon of Indian politics, the power in the land.

Mrs Gandhi herself is now entering the fourth year of her fourth premiership, her fifteenth year in power. She is fit, lean and active, but she is 65 and it is reasonable to consider the question of succession. India's democracy is, after all, a singular one, with its elements of autocracy and dynasty.

There is some resentment of this, but no strong opposition because it meets a yearning in the Indian psyche. As the *Times of India* put it in 1981, "India needs an emperor or empress. People crave an individual to whom they can entrust their destiny."

The Nehru family have always considered themselves special, a cut above. They have enjoyed the advantages of apartness, free of the shackles of caste and regional and linguistic loyalties; Indian but also outward-looking; well-off Kashmiri Brahmins, broadminded western-educated patricians. Nehru quipped that he was India's first English prime minister.

There was no question of the strong-willed Indira submitting to orthodox arranged marriage. Feroze Gandhi, a Parsi, proposed in Paris and bestowed on her a surname of incalculable value – there is still a belief, both within and outside India, that Indira is related to the Mahatma.

The Gandhis (Feroze died in 1960) had two sons: Rajiv married Sonia, an Italian he met at Cambridge (and his mother loves Italian cooking); Sanjay married Maneka, a Sikh model who liked wearing jeans, considered racy in India.

Indira ran her father's home during his premiership, and while it is arguable whether he consciously prepared her for power (and she denies that he did), her years as chatelaine were a unique apprenticeship.

She is, of course, quite different from the idealist who ruled in the first flush of independence and delighted in the debates that rolled over the Lok Sabha's Westminster-green benches. Her lonely and uncertain upbringing with an adored mother who died young, and a frequently absent father, left her insecure, mistrustful, intolerant of criticism, fiercely determined to be independent, to dominate. No one ever pushed her around and no one outside her family has grown close to her. She has never been hamstrung by ideology or policy.

After the Congress Party chiefs made her premier in 1966, believing her pliable, she singlemindedly constructed a political keep and moat, concentrating power in her own hands, reducing the importance of cabinet, parliament and states. She made the Congress her instrument, undermining its role as national institution and democratic bulwark. She set up her own, often incompetent satraps to lead the states. Nothing has been allowed to grow strong enough to threaten her.

"India is Indira, Indira is India", went the slogan of the 1970s, the synthesis of herself and country, symbolizing her coronation and her belief that she embodies the people's will. Her popularity has always been her ultimate comfort. To millions, as she says, she is known as "Mother".

Mrs Gandhi presides over an awesome experiment in mass democracy in a land of 720,000,000, seven-tenths of whom are illiterate. She is shrewd in a way her father was not, with an acute sense of *Realpolitik*. She has never had any illusions about the venality of many politicians, or of the nature of Indian politics. Caste, for example, is an ineradicable part of society's fibre, a force for order and stability in spite of its rivalries and injustices, and is therefore part of the currency of politics, supplying readymade interest groups. Inevitably, grand western and Nehruvian notions of democracy are digested by Indian massiveness and tradition.

Last week she was shaken by a fat film star

Mrs Gandhi is not only experienced but has the rare attribute of being an all-India figure. Her supporters say her mastery has created stability and national focus in a country where there are regional, communal and caste strains. It has not been torn in the manner of other developing countries, remains enviably free, and its soldiers cast no shadows.

Out of Mrs Gandhi's fears and political machete-work has evolved a monolith with the emphasis on the power of her personality. It is she who holds together the eponymous Indira Congress, who has to spearhead every exhausting election campaign, each a test of her charisma and stamina.

This is how it was in last week's elections in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, where she and her party were shatteringly defeated. In Andrha Pradesh, she matched her charisma against that of a fat film star who had played Hindu gods so often that many half believed he had become one – and she lost.

If, indeed, the family business is to be inherited, the legacy might be fragile. Personality cannot be handed down and the office is not, by itself, power. Even the magic of a ruling family, which counts for much, can wither.

In India power must be vigorously asserted. Rajiv Gandhi does not possess his mother's political flair and jungle instinct. If he should be invested will he have the stuff of leadership? If his grasp on the reins should fail, India could pay a price in turmoil for Mrs Gandhi's keystone system and her erosion of the institutional framework.

It would be wrong to be apocalyptic about this, for India is an ancient, resilient, unrevolutionary bulk with a strong self-steering component. Regional troubles, for example, tend to be compartmentalized and not infectious. Nevertheless, the preeminence of the leader's personality over the system carries risks, and in this respect India has been weakened.

Mrs Gandhi's suspicious nature, (she once told her aunt, the distinguished Ambassador Mrs Pandit, once the High Commissioner in London, that she didn't trust her) and pursuit of unchallengeable power have led to distortions and excesses. Her Emergency of 1975-77, a mistake and a failure, was an act of political survival; and the rise of Sanjay as chamberlain and fixer revealed a flaw in her style of management. Her lack of trust in others led her to rely only on those of her blood, however unfitted for power.

Sanjay was politically crude, contemptuous of political norms, but with an instinct for power and the jugular. His youth, energy and access to the core of power and patronage excited his Praetorian guard and assorted opportunists. Two and a half years after his death in a plane crash, his ruthlessness all but forgotten, he has been posthumously ennobled, hailed as "son of India", his image employed as a totem, his slogans shouted and never acted upon.

Rajiv left his Indian Airlines cockpit to take Sanjay's place, introduced as an unwilling conscript but seeing his duty, as he put it, "to help Mummy". He is a modest man who used to introduce himself to passengers as Commander Rajiv, not Gandhi, and people wondered how such a nice fellow would endure a trade whose seaminess he despised.

He formed his own cadre of earnest men to help him, some of them old school chums. He won his brother's parliamentary seat, Amethi, and studied power management at his mother's side. He and Sonia, the favourite daughter-in-law, their son Rahul and daughter Priyanka, live in the prime ministerial compound at No 1 Safdarjang Road, one of Delhi's broad avenues.

Like his mother, Rajiv gives morning *darshan*, a traditional form of audience, in which ordinary people present petitions and grievances. Access to those in authority is important, one of the things that make India work.

THE NEHRU DYNASTY

Motilal NEHRU (1889–1931)
lawyer and politician

- Jawaharal NEHRU = Kamala (1889–1964) (1900–1936); 1st Prime Minister of India 1947–64
  - *Indira = Feroze GANDHI (1912–1960)*; Prime Minister 1966–77 1980–
    - Rajiv GANDHI = Sonia
      - Rahul
      - Privanka
    - Sanjay GANDHI (1946–80) = Maneka
      - Varun Feroze
- Mrs Vijaya Pandit
- Krishna Hutheesing (1907–1967)

Mrs Amateshwar Anand — Maneka

Maneka, who also lived at No 1, had no love for Rajiv, thinking him politically weak, and watched his cautious advance with dismay. Death had robbed her of a husband and the limelight, and she felt cheated. The relationship with her mother-in-law grew bitter and tension in the house burst at last when she left in a blaze of publicity she stage-managed herself. She took her infant son, Varun, on whom Mrs Gandhi dotes. He now visits his grandmother on Sundays.

Maneka, who is 26, is still a political oddity, touring the country, attacking the Congress and repeating her husband's slogans. She could become a focus for political malcontents and opportunists and perhaps become a threat to her brother-in-law. But she possesses little of political value other than the name she acquired through marriage, a fingernail grip on the ruling family.

The row between the two Mrs Gandhis has started a sordid little war conducted by diatribists among their supporters. Lurid pamphlets are going the rounds, and much of the scurrility is directed at Maneka's ambitious mother, Mrs Anand. Maneka cannot be attacked with full force: she is, after all, a member of the family, and so is her son.

Indira Gandhi recently stopped publication of a book called *Son of India*, a tribute to Sanjay, because it contained a vituperative attack on Maneka and her mother written by an old friend of the Nehru family. This was unseemly in such a book – but the attack was published anyway in the *National Herald*, the paper Nehru founded.

By now Mrs Gandhi has grown used to the often foolish actions of those who try to please her. There is around her a treacly sycophancy, her arrivals and departures celebrated by obsequious *chamshas*, shoelickers, who, as more than one of her chief ministers has said, "owe everthing to God and Mrs Gandhi".

Loyalty is paramount. Mrs Gandhi has talked often of India's reserves of brainpower and talent of all kinds, but her reign has been marked by her employment of many mediocre men, for whose mediocrity she herself has contempt. Afraid to allow capable men to grow, and perhaps threaten her, she has given preference to third-rate, but loyal men. Such people have been imposed on state governments and have been notable for their inefficiency and corruption. Mrs Gandhi's disservice to her people. And the people are becoming increasingly resentful as the southern elections showed.

She has a rich guru her enemies call Rasputin

Mrs Gandhi remains as tigerish as ever, rounding on those who criticize her family, her cubs, seeing attacks on her appointees as personal. The old sensitivity remains.

She works with a small, discreet staff. What sort of influence those in her circle have can only be a matter of speculation. No one really knows, for example, the role of the rich Yoga teacher, guru, arms maker and plane owner Swami Brahmachari, a striking, bearded figure in white muslin, carrying a white handbag who has been close to the family for years and is known to the Prime Minister's enemies as Rasputin.

Mrs Gandhi shares her father's pride in the Nehru family's place in History, as natural rulers. But she never had her father's dreams, has never been a reformer. Perhaps her survivor's instinct has told her of the dangers in trying to change things too quickly in this extraordinary land. Perhaps she feels tenure is enough.

The trademark blaze of white in her hair grows larger, and perhaps Mrs Gandhi grows more reflective for since Sanjay's death she has been more frequently to temples. But her energy and indefatigability are undiminished. Elections, especially put the glint of battle into her eye. At such times, not only her party, but also her family and her name are on trial and have to be fought for. And Indira Gandhi is nothing if not a fighter.

Trevor Fishlock

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Time bar excluded by agreement

D/S A/S Idaho v Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co Ltd

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Kerr and Sir Sebag Shaw

[*Judgment delivered December 14*]

Where an inter-club agreement and the Hague Rules were incorporated into a time charterparty, a settlement of cargo claims between owners and charterers pursuant to the inter-club agreement was not subject to the time-bar provision in article 3(6) of the Hague Rules.

The Court of Appeal so stated in allowing an appeal by charterers, D/S A/S Idaho, from the decision of Mr Justice Robert Goff on a case stated by an arbitrator relating to a claim by the charterers against shipowners, the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co Ltd.

Mr Anthony Hallgarten, QC, and Mr Iain Milligan for the charterers; Mr Stewart Boyd, QC, and Mr Victor Lyon for the owners.

LORD JUSTICE KERR said that the appeal was a test case to determine an important issue which might arise whenever the Inter-Club New York Produce Exchange Agreement was incorporated into a time charter in the New York Produce Exchange form, which also incorporated the Hague Rules.

The issue was whether the settlement of cargo claims between owners and charterers pursuant to the inter-club agreement was subject to the time-bar in article 3(6) of the Hague Rules.

The judge had held that it was and that the charterers' claim was time-barred because they had instituted the arbitration claiming settlement under the agreement after the expiry of one year from the discharge of the goods. Was that decision correct or not?

By a charterparty dated March 21, 1975 on the New York Produce Exchange form, the owners chartered the Strathnewton for a time charter trip to the charterers. Clause 55 of the charterparty provided for "cargo claims under this charterparty to be settled between owners and charterers under the Inter-Club New York Produce Exchange Agreement".

The charterers in their points of claim had alleged, *inter alia*, that between April and July 1977 during the performance of the charterparty part of the cargo was lost, damaged, short delivered and/or overcarried as a result of the acts, neglect, or defaults of the owners and that the charterers had properly settled or compromised some of the claims and had incurred expenses as a result.

In the arbitration the charterers claimed from the owners either 100% or 50% of those expenses under the inter-club agreement. However, since the arbitration was only instituted in February 1978, whereas the cargo was or should have been discharged during June 1975, the charterers also claimed a declaration that their claim was not time-barred by article 3(6) of the Hague Rules which stipulated that "in any event the carrier and the ship shall be discharged from all liability in respect of loss or damage unless suit is brought within one year of the goods after delivery of the goods or the date when the goods should have been delivered".

As was well known, the Hague Rules emerged in an international convention which embodied a compromise between the desire of carriers by sea for maximum freedom to contract out of responsibility for cargo and the desire of cargo owners to subject the carriers to maximum responsibility for cargo.

In relation to claims under the bills of lading issued under the charter, which did not incorporate the inter-club agreement, all cargo claims had to be dealt with by reference to the responsibilities and defences laid down in the Hague Rules.

However, when the Hague Rules were incorporated into the charter, the inter-club agreement also had the effect of cutting across those balance of claims and defences by a rough and ready apportionment of financial liability as between the owners and charterers.

The inter-club agreement was a memorandum of agreement between P & I clubs as to the apportionment of liability for cargo claims arising under the New York Produce Exchange charter.

Three matters emerged from the material provisions of the inter-club agreement.

First, the cargo claims referred to were claims by third parties, that is, the bill of lading holders, and the opening words of clause 55 "cargo claims . . ." also referred exclusively to such claims and not to claims between the owners and the charterers *inter se*. Thus clause 55 did not apply to direct claims by the charterers against the shipowners when the charterers were the owners of the cargo and the bills of lading were merely receipts.

Second, the cargo claims referred to in the agreement might have been put forward by the bill of lading holders either against the shipowners or against the charterers and the inter-club agreement then provided the basis for a mechanical apportionment of financial liability.

Third, it was a condition precedent to settlement under the agreement that the owners or charterers should have "properly settled or compromised" the claims of the bill of lading holders. Those claims would fall to be dealt with under the Hague Rules incorporated into the bills of lading. It was only after such settlement or compromise that the inter-club agreement fell to be applied.

If one asked oneself "what connexion could the parties have intended between a settlement under the inter-club agreement pursuant to clause 55 and the Hague Rules in relation to such settlement?" The answer must be "none".

The scheme of the inter-club agreement lay in the opposite direction. It cut across any allocation of functions and responsibilities based on the Hague Rules. Indeed, the avoidance of such allocation was the very objective of the inter-club agreement.

In that connexion it was common ground that clause 55 must itself prevail notwithstanding article 3(8) of the Hague Rules which invalidated any agreement which relieved the carrier to any extent "from liability for loss or damage to or in connexion with the goods. . ."

The inter-club agreement clearly had that effect, since it might relieve either of the parties from liability, in whole or in part, under the charterparty and/or the Hague Rules.

Could it then have been the intention of the parties that the time-bar in article 3(6) should nevertheless survive and apply to a settlement pursuant to clause 55 when it happened that the claims by the bill of lading holders had been made against the charterers, and when it was the charterers who claimed settlement under the inter-club agreement?

In his Lordship's view the answer was again clearly "no". Article 3(6) was formulated in order to give certain protections to carriers by sea when the standard of their obligations in relation to cargo was that which was prescribed by the Hague Rules as a whole.

The inter-club agreement, on the other hand, provided a mechanical apportionment of financial liability which was wholly independent of those standards of obligation. The agreed apportionment had nothing to do with the Hague Rules and was in fact designed to overcome the difficulties which would result from their application.

In those circumstances article 3(6) of the Hague Rules had no place in a settlement between owners and charterers under the inter-club agreement.

The condition precedent for the application of that agreement was that the bill of lading holders' claim "shall have been property settled or compromised". It contained no reference whatever to the "delivery of the goods or the date when the goods should have been delivered", which was the *terminus a quo* for the bringing of suit under article 3(6).

One had only to read article 3(6) as a whole, let alone to read the Hague Rules as a whole, to see that the scheme of neither of them fitted into the inter-club agreement in any way.

The Master of the Rolls and Sir Sebag Shaw agreed.

Solicitors: William A. Crump & Son; Clyde and Co.

Artificial tax avoidance scheme fails

Cairns v MacDiarmid (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Kerr and Sir Sebag Shaw

[Judgment delivered December 17]

A tax avoidance scheme designed by a tax consultant called the "non-deposit scheme" did not achieve its object of avoiding income tax because the relevant payment was not "annual interest" under section 75(1) of the Finance Act 1972 and the payments made by the taxpayer were so artificial and so devoid of any purpose other than a fiscal purpose as to disqualify them from consideration in the context of taxation.

The Court of Appeal in reserved judgments dismissed an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr William Stephen Cairns, from the judgment of Mr Justice Nourse on December 16, 1981 (*The Times*, December 21, 1981) who dismissed the taxpayer's appeal from a determination of the special commissioners refusing his claim for tax relief in respect of a payment of £5,000 alleged to be annual interest.

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

Section 75(1) of the Finance Act 1972 provides: "Where a person pays in any year of assessment – (a) annual interest chargeable to tax under Case III of Schedule D . . . and makes a claim to relief . . . the amount of interest shall be deducted from or set off against his income for that year of assessment . . .".

Mr Anthony Sumption and Mr Richard Sowler for the taxpayer; Mr D. C. Potter, QC and Mr Peter Goldsmith for the Crown

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the appeal concerned a tax avoidance scheme which was widely used in 1974. It was in the nature of a test case but received its quietus in the Finance Act 1976.

Mr Cairns was employed by Mr Tucker, a chartered accountant and tax consultant. In February 1974 Mr Tucker promised to pay Mr Cairns a bonus of £5,000.

Both would naturally have preferred that to be free of income tax and no doubt it was a matter of professional pride to both that it should be.

Section 75(1)(a) of the Finance Act 1972 seemed to provide a possible solution not only to Mr Cairns's problem, but also to that of various clients of Mr Tucker.

Mr Tucker had devised a scheme, the "non-deposit scheme" or "one-year high income scheme". Rossminster Acceptances Ltd would lend Mr Cairns £37,740 for two years at interest at 13.25 per cent payable annually in advance: that amounted to £5,000.55 per annum.

That was to be a genuine loan but Mr Cairns did not need that sum.

A company called Boreton Ltd was prepared to enter into a tripartite agreement with Mr Cairns and Rossminster whereby, for an appropriate consideration it would assume all the rights and liabilities of Mr Cairns vis à vis Rossminster.

Mr Cairns decided to avail himself of the scheme. On March 1, 1974 he executed a loan agreement with Rossminster, received Rossminster's cheque for £37,740 and gave his own cheque to Rossminster for £5,000.

That left him with £32,740. On March 5, 1974 he paid £32,740 to Boreton under the tripartite novation agreement and was relieved of any further liability to Rossminster.

The inspector of taxes was singularly unappreciative of the ingenuity of the scheme and refused to allow the £5,000 paid to Rossminster to be treated by Mr Cairns as annual interest for the purposes of section 75 (1) (a) of the 1972 Act. Mr Cairns appealed to the special commissioners.

When the matter came before the commissioners, *W. T. Ramsay Ltd v Inland Revenue Commissioners* (*The Times*, March 13, 1981; [1982] AC 300) was still but a cloud the size of a man's hand.

The commissioners held: (a) "not without reluctance" that the transaction was genuine; (b) that Mr Cairns paid £5,000 to Rossminster; (c) that the £5,000 was "interest" within the meaning of section 75 (1) (a); but (d) that it was "short interest" as contrasted with "annual interest".

The judge had held that the payment was not interest but a payment in discharge of a purely artificial liability which was created in order to achieve a tax advantage. *A fortiori* it was not annual interest.

The court had had the great advantage of the new procedure under which, in appropriate cases, it was furnished in advance with skeleton arguments for both parties. The hearing could start with the court fully apprised of the background and the parameters of the dispute.

Time spent in court was a major factor in the cost of litigation. The hearing had been estimated to last about two days, but in fact lasted less than a day.

The merit of the change in procedure was that, taking into account the pre-reading, the oral argument, subsequent discussion between members of the court and preparation of judgment, at least two days were devoted to the appeal, but that part of that period which was spent out of court was without expense to the parties.

The appeal could be disposed of on either of two alternative bases: that the payment was not annual interest, but short interest; and that although the loan to Mr Cairns, the novation and the payments by Mr Cairns were not sham transactions, viewed as a whole in context they had a character so artificial and so devoid of any purpose, other than a fiscal purpose, as to disqualify them from consideration in the context of taxation.

The difference between what was annual and what was short interest depended upon the intention of the parties. On the facts found by the commissioners, the loan to Mr Cairns was never intended to last for more than a few days, albeit he was entitled to postpone payment for two years. In fact, as was always intended, his liability was discharged within the week, not by repayment, but by novation.

The alternative approach stemmed from the decision of the House of Lords in *Ramsay's* case. Here the whole transaction was "out of this world". Although no sham it lacked all reality.

It did not even have the reality of *Ramsay's* case in that Mr Cairns neither paid a fee nor incurred any expenses. At the end of a series of connected and intended transactions, his financial position was precisely what it was at the beginning.

The payment of £5,000 was not interest or annual interest within the meaning of Section 75 of the 1972 Act.

LORD JUSTICE KERR, agreeing, said that the decision of the House of Lords in *Ramsay's* case made the appeal hopeless. But it would have failed in the absence of that decision.

Even if the delivery of the cheque for £5,000 by Mr Cairns in exchange for Rossminster's cheque for £37,740 constituted a payment in the circumstances for the purposes of section 75 (1) (a) of the 1972 Act it was clearly not a payment of "annual interest". There was never any intention that the cheque for £5,000 should in fact represent interest which could properly be described as "annual".

His Lordship also agreed with the judge that it was not a payment of interest at all but merely "a payment made in discharge of a purely artificial liability which was created in order to obtain a tax advantage".

Sir Sebag Shaw agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Ian Jefferson, Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Legal aid appeals

Mawdsley v Mawdsley

Sir John Arnold, President of the Family Division, on granting the husband leave to appeal out of time against a maintenance order made in favour of his wife by Chelmsford justices said on December 14 that solicitors should be aware that where a party had been legally aided before the justices solicitors could lodge a notice of appeal immediately without requiring a further legal aid certificate.



THE TIMES DIARY

Losing out

The Arts Council's disagreements over the proposed appointment of Luke Rittner, director of the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts, to succeed Sir Roy Shaw as secretary-general have lost it the services of the man chosen to be drama director.

At the council meeting on December 15 which refused to confirm Rittner's appointment, the selection committee's recommendation that Peter Stevens, former general administrator of the National Theatre, should be drama director was never reached.

Stevens, whose career began at the Nottingham Playhouse with John Neville and who was obliged to resign as director of the Stratford (Ontario) Festival by nationalist pressures in 1981, has now withdrawn his candidature. "My appointment always depended very much on who would be secretary-general. With so much uncertainty there I could not go on." He will be staying in his "easier" job as director of the London Tourist Board instead.

● *I've heard of spokespersons, but this is ridiculous: a sign in a north London bicycle cooperative reads "Wanted. Feminist bike."*

Woman at war

While the Prime Minister assesses at first hand the effects of last year's war on the Falkland Islands, back in London two writers of a rather different persuasion are busy studying the campaign's impact on our own culture. Angela Carter, the feminist novelist and Anthony Barnett, author of *Iron Britannia*, are leading a seminar on January 25 at the Institute of Contemporary Arts. Barnett's book is among the most critical of Mrs Thatcher in the present crop of Falklands literature, and the "lessons" he draws from the war will be a world apart from her own.

He tells me that one issue he hopes will come up at the ICA is the importance of the Prime Minister being a woman. "It has been crucial to her success, but I am still not fully clear why. The image of her standing at the war graves will combine the elements of a bereaved widow and a victorious war leader – a very intoxicating combination."



'Oh stop worrying – it'll probably fall on Cheltenham'

Not so black

The recession is bringing a shine back to stockbrokers' shoes. David McCann, until recently unemployed, tells me that his business as visiting shoeshine to City offices is booming. He and his brother have already taken on two more shoeblacks and he thinks that by the end of the year there may be enough work for 20. To date they are visiting 34 offices, offering shines at 75p each, and completing about 40 a day each.

News angle

Captain Kirk's landing on our screens has prompted this piece of nostalgia from John Cherry of Midhurst, who describes himself as "an old Angle." He reminds me that it is nearly a thousand years since we had news similar to that of our January 4 headline: "Storms keep Danes in check." He offers the following as a maxim: "Plus ca change, plus c'est *Le (même) Temps*."

By gum!

An unexpected tribute to the Princess of Wales has come from the postal authorities in rigidly communist North Korea – a stamp bearing a portrait of her cuddling Prince William with the inscription, in English, "First Wedding Anniversary of the Prince and Princess of Wales." North Korea boasts a philatelically open mind. Its stamps commemorating great events in space travel included those achieved by the "imperialist" United States.

I considered Robert Carrier's closure of his Hintlesham Hall restaurant a blow right below the belt, it having been my favourite in Britain. It is with little relish that I reveal what the 1983 Good Food Guide, which went to press as the closure was announced, will say about it when published at the end of the month; Carrier may find it positively galling. 'Robert Carriers' meals are rarely as satisfying as their looks, smells or costs promise; dogged by its own [illegible] the genuine excitement of exotic combinations is often lost in a razzle-dazzle as garish as the sugar-painted marbles in this handsome old hall.' I must say I find this piece of prose distinctly overstated, and not surprisingly our restaurant critic, Robin Young, agrees with me.

PHS

The EEC must be our future

By Francis Pym

The Foreign Secretary replies to last week's Times series, Ten Years in Europe

The European Community is central to the policies of this Government, as it has been of all British governments since we entered. That is as it should be, for the Community is a western institution of fundamental importance: an essential complement to the Atlantic Alliance. By playing a full role, with Britain contributing wholeheartedly to the development of the Community, we help our partners and we help ourselves.

That is the perspective with which we need to approach the tenth anniversary of British accession. The celebration of anniversaries has become an obsessive modern habit and the artificiality of making assessments at periodic intervals should put us on our guard against sweeping generalities. I was braced for a deluge of misleading statistics: but worse than that, I dreaded the old sterile debate about Britain's decision to enter the Community. Our focus should be on the future.

I have been pleasantly surprised. With only a few discreditable exceptions, comment has been thoughtful and constructive. The balance of opinion is clear: it has been a difficult decade, and there is still much to be done, but Britain's place is in Europe, and in the European Community.

The series of articles published in *The Times* under the title Ten Years in Europe has been particularly helpful in widening the debate, especially with so many contributions from outside commentators. There is a tendency in Britain and in the Community to react to pressure by turning in upon ourselves. It can only be to the good to hear the comments and the legitimate and serious criticisms levelled, for example, by Robert Muldoon and by Sonny Ramphal.

I do not want to comment on each article – but I cannot allow Peter Shore's dispiriting effort to pass unremarked. It saddens me more than I can say to see a politician billed as "Labour's chief economic spokesman" striding backwards through the anniversary, still fighting the referendum campaign of 1975. The bitterness of years is distilled in his absurd description of the thumping 2:1 referendum majority "as clear but reluctant 'yes'". Harold Wilson described the same event as "a free vote, without constraint, following a free, democratic campaign conducted constructively and without rancour. It means that 14 years of national argument are over".

Would that they were. The Peter Shores, who have learnt nothing and forgotten nothing, do a grave disservice to their country by raking interminably over the ashes. Our work in the Community is hampered at every turn by this dismal chorus. "Withdrawal", we are told, "need entail no sacrifice." And pigs have wings. Peter Shore's "alternative trade arrangements" are no real alternative. In a race to see which European country can erect the highest trade barriers most quickly and out-devalue its partners, Britain would be the sure loser.

And what is the point of continually asserting that European cooperation can better be achieved outside the Community when noone here in Europe – or at least noone else on this side of the Elbe – agrees with that view? It is not only governments like Herr Kohl's and Signor Fanfani's which attach the highest importance to developing and strengthening the Community. But fellow-socialists of Peter Shore's like President Mitterrand do the same. And the new socialist government in Spain has no higher aspiration than to join.

I am emphatically with Helmut Schmidt when he says it is time we forgot the "British problem". For year, we have indulged ourselves and tried the patience of our friends. The job now is to build on the Community we have, and to make it work in all our interests. That is not to say we must uncritical. But we must be constructive.

First, we must increase our efforts to solve existing problems. The budget difficulties, for instance, have dogged the Community for too long. Our partners recognize that there is an imbalance, and we have negotiated some £2,000m of refunds on our net contribution for the three years 1980-82. But these have provided only temporary respite. A fair and lasting solution needs to be found urgently.

And Robert Muldoon's strictures on the CAP have not fallen on deaf ears. While the principles of the agricultural policy are not in doubt, there can be no question but that it operates wastefully at present. This is not only expensive; it creates problems for Third World producers, friction with our major trading partners and strains in our traditional relationships. We have a duty not only to ourselves but to our friends and allies around the world to find ways of adapting the operation of the policy so that the production of surpluses is discouraged.

Second, we must impart new momentum to the development of the Community. Britain is not short of positive ideas. In a series of speeches in major European cities over the past few months government ministers have put forward ideas over a wide range of Cummunity business – on regional policy, on social policy, on energy policy, on transport policy, on ways of helping innovative industries.

I am particularly concerned that we should help to regenerate the European industrial base through fuller exploitation of the opportunities of our common market, for example by removing remaining barriers to trade and liberalizing services, and by promoting a European-scale approach where this is appropriate.

This will be a matter of priority in the German Presidency which has just begun, and an Internal Market Council has been arranged for February 1 to carry forward such ideas.

This must be an important part of the answer to the appalling problems of unemployment which afflict all Community countries, and which rightly absorb so much of our attention, collectively and individually.

Third, we must strengthen the external role of the Ten, enabling us to act as a united and responsible force in world affairs, an effective partner of the US, and a respected contributor to international counsels.

I share many of Sonny Ramphal's concerns about the Community's impact on developing countries. We are pressing a number of ideas to make Community aid more effective and to put the impending renegotiation of the Lomé Convention to good use.

Britain's first decade of Community membership has been hard, and often frustrating. The Community itself is at a difficult phase in its development. But these are reasons to redouble our efforts to make a success of our membership and ton bring about sensible changes in the Community's operation, not reasons to lose heart. In a world beset by resurgent nationalism, protectionism and economic problems which are likely to persist, the Community has become more important than ever

Gerald Kaufman

Whitelaw should break his promise

The Hon Gwendolen Fairfax informed Miss Cecily Cardew "I never travel without my diary. One should always have something sensational to read in the train."

Not having time to keep a diary, on my weekend train journey to Manchester for my constituency advice bureau I took the next most sensational reading I could think of, namely the *Hansards* containing this Parliament's debates on immigration.

Even after studying these documents I was, most unfortunately in no position to provide authoritative guidance for women constituents who wanted to know what their prospects might be of bringing their husbands or fiancés here to join them from the Indian subcontinent or elsewhere. However, I was in no worse position than the Home Secretary himself. Defeated in last month's parliamentary debate, required for the past 10 days to operate the immigration rules that Parliament rejected, and obliged to bring forward new regulations before the end of February, Mr Whitelaw lacks even the faintest idea of how to resolve his dilemma.

The present Home Secretary's troubles began just under five years ago, on January 31, 1978, when Mrs Thatcher, desperate to win the Ilford North by-election, played the racialist card by declaring on the *World In Action* television programme that Britons were afraid of being "rather swamped" by people of a different culture. Poor Mr Whitelaw, whom of course Mrs Thatcher did not trouble to consult, was then required to turn these prejudices into a policy.

Most of the ragbag which appeared under the heading "Immigration and Race Relations" on page 20 of the Tories' 1979 election manifesto had to be ditched as impracticable. The one commitment that was entirely fulfilled was: "We shall end the concession introduced by the Labour Government in 1974 to husbands and male fiancés".

Asking Parliament on March 10, 1980, to approve this change, Mr Whitelaw, in describing the new rules, ringingly proclaimed: "We promised them".

Last month he asked Parliament to allow him to break his promise and, under stringent conditions, to permit the entry of some of these excluded spouses. The opposition parties declined to agree because, in changing the regulations that he introduced three years ago, he was actually making the situation even worse for certain women than under the harsh rules then current. The Tory backbenchers who brought about the Home Secretary's defeat – an unappealing collection described accurately and feelingly by one Cabinet minister as "the Thatcher wing" of the party – voted against him because they believed this single and singular election promise, among the vast number of others that had been nonchalantly broken, ought to be kept. They want to stick to the old rules.

Mr Whitelaw, however, is unable to comply with their wishes. He himself has stated categorically that the new British Nationality Act requires an improvement for husbands and fiancés; and everyone knows that the European Court of Human Rights will force him to make a change if he does not do it voluntarily. There is no point in his introducing even more onerous restrictions, though that, no doubt, is the direction in which his baneful new Minister of State, the Thatcherite Mr David Waddington, will try to push him.

His rebel backbenchers, in addition to condemning him for going back on his party's election promises, have already made clear that they despise him for the manner in which he tried to appease them.

Mr Harvey Proctor, for example, described the rejected rules as "Draconian, authoritarian, blatantly discriminatory, unfair and unjust". Mr Nicholas Budgen called it a defective mechanism and said: "If it is enforced much harm will be done by it".

These MPs and their cronies want the manifesto promise and nothing but the promise. However, the great majority of Conservative MPs have twice voted, in November and again last month, to break the promise. Most Tory backbenchers will stand on their heads to oblige the Whips; but even this assemblage of aspirants to knighthoods still have some dignity left.

The Home Secretary now has the right to tell Mrs Thatcher, who sponsored in Cabinet the revised and rejected rules. "We have tried it your way, and we have failed. Now let us try it my way. Let us, without equivocation, restore to all women lawfully settled in Britain the right to be joined in this country by their husbands and fiancés." That proposition will be carried in Parliament without difficulty. It will also restore to Mr Whitelaw the reputation he values as a man of principle.

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Robert Fisk on Mubarak's attempts to contain the fundamentalists

Egypt puts the screws on Islam's fanatics

Cairo

Shaikh Selama's mosque stands in Abbassiya Square and you cannot fail to notice two things about it. First, it interrupts the highway, physically dividing the boulevards of the airport road in such a way that it must have presented a planner's nightmare.

Then there are the rather energetic young men in long, grey *Galibeas* who spend more time watching the faithful than they do at prayer. Beneath their cloaks, it is said, they carry automatic pistols, and it may well be true. The Egyptian security police like to keep an eye on Shaikh Selama's mosque.

The Shaikh, a thin-voiced prelate with a long beard, is almost 65 but cannot be found these days at his still-uncompleted mosque. He is in jail because members of the Takfir Wa Hegira – the "repentence and flight" Islamic fundamentalist group which assassinated President Anwar Sadat in 1981 – recently asked him to become their leader. The Shaikh, who also built a mosque at Suez then turned it into a hospital during the 1973 war, says that he turned down the offer, an act of modesty the security police do not believe.

The Egyptian government, however, is careful not to turn him into a martyr. By a judicious mixture of moderation and ruthlessness, President Mubarak's administration is trying to undermine the Islamic fundamentlists who dispatched Mr Mubarak's predecessor, encouraging the less faithful to repent their alleged crimes but maintaining strict surveillance over those they believe still capable of challenging the rule of temporal law.

It is not an easy task. Thousands of pounds have been spent in launching an Islamic newspaper in Cairo, a journal which deals exclusively with Muslim law and beliefs

In the newspaper *Gounhouria*, an "Islamic questions" column has been introduced, advising readers on the correct Muslim feminine apparel and of the stipulated periods of fasting at Ramadan. *Gounhouria*, of course, is also controlled by the authorities.

A more ambitious project is filling the screens of Egyptian state television. Men arrested by the police for alleged membership of fundamentlist groups – particularly Takfie Wa Hegira and Jihad (Struggle) – have been questioned about their beliefs on screen by a selection of Shaikhs and professors from the Al Azhar University in Cairo. The answers appear vague but an occasional public recantation has been obtained.

A brief visit to the makeshift courtroom in the Cairo international fairground, however, is enough to persuade any Egyptian that the young fanatics who claim Sadat's death to have been a moral victory are still coherent, organized and potentially dangerous. Brandishing Korans, shouting anti-government slogans and accusing their captors of torture, the zealots of the new Islam – or the old Islam, depending on your point of view – are far from crushed.

A glance at the students emerging from class at Cairo University – the women in scarves, the young men sporting neat beards – should be enough to convince the authorities that the renewed Islamic convictions of many Cairenes is not something that will fade away.

It was Sadat himself who gave birth to the latest group of fundamentalists. Their frustration began during the Nasserite era but Sadat encouraged their enthusiasm in the hope that they would direct their energies against the communists. The Muslims, who regarded communism in Egypt as ungodly also saw Sadat's 1973 crossing of the Suez Canal as an important moral achievement. Had not the Egyptian soldiers cried "Allahu akhbar" (God is Great) when they broke through the Bar Lev Line? But their philosophy did not come from Sadat: their roots were in Egypt's Islamic heritage.

So strong were they that when the Egyptian authorities objected to the planned location of Shaikh Selama's *nor* (light) mosque during the last months of Sadat's regime, Sadat overruled them and permitted the erection of the building in the middle of the airport road.

Without doubt, fundamentalists were tortured in the violence that followed Sadat's murder. Western correspondents in the city of Asyut, where fighting broke out immediately after the assassination, saw prisoners being beaten and cut with razors. It is equally true that the young men arrested at this period – mostly students, but including some wealthy, middle-class men – are as capable as ever of violence.

Many are being held in Cairo's Tora prison and only three months ago the authorities reportedly uncovered a plan to free them.

The Egyptian authorities have spent much of their time trying to discover links between the fundamentalists and Libya. They were therefore somewhat startled to hear that a member of Jihad had spent some hours at a secret meeting outside Cairo, discussing weapons training with an unidentified foreign ambassador. The government was later told that the diplomat was Iranian.

In some ways, Egypt's Islamic revivalists parallel the Iranian revolutionaries. They too have no economic philosophy with which to run the perfect Islamic state that they would want to create in the ruins of a corrupt and westernized Cairo. They would support an Ashura council of 70 men – composed of clergymen and religious politicians – who would in turn elect a president.

But their dream is that of an Islamic utopia rather than a preparation for the return of an Imam. Martyrdom is a useful expedient if the death sentence of a temporal power can end their lives but the battle of Kerbala raises few emotions in Cairo.

No one knows how many Egyptians would resort to violence to defend or advance their renewed faith. The country's Christian Coptic community is conscious of the challenge which has been set them, although they are not alarmed. The government is aware that conspicuous wealth will only provoke the anger of those who believe that Egypt's decline has been brought about by the promise of rewards on earth, specifically rewards that are made and packaged in the United States.

Their roots are entwined among many humiliations: the disaster of the 1967 war, the growing poverty of Egypt, the reliance of Sadat – and then of Mubarak – on American money. They see a government which lacks independence, they live among a people which has come to value material things in almost exact ratio to their scarcity: they try to inspire a population whose only entertainment comes from a television station which nightly portrays the drama of the middle classes and the romantic problems of young people whose lives are controlled and satisfactorily resolved by the size of dowries and the earning power of suitors.

In response to all this, the government can either watch the fundamentalists or crush them. Sadat used them and, if Mr Mubarak finally despairs of America's role in the Middle East, he too may find that the more severely faithful of his Muslim population have their uses. For the present, they are lame, their power aborted by imprisonment.

But Muhammad's followers emigrated to Ethiopia and then to Medina and the idea of emigration has developed along Egypt's fundamentalists who now "emigrate" into themselves. In a period of spiritual retreat – a state of weakness – many of them have shaved their beards. They are the ones whom the government will have to watch.

Max Beloff

How the Liberals could sink the SDP

At the beginning of what many people think will be an election year, it may be a good idea to look at some of the hopes and fears reflected in the daily gossip of party politics.

On the left there are fears that the weakness of the Labour leadership and the prominence of the party's internal divisions will give the Prime Minister an unmerited victory, as they would see it. On the right, there is the fear that the switching of soft Tory votes to the Alliance might allow the Labour hard core of perhaps 35 per cent of the electorate to emerge victorious, despite policies which would never command majority support.

Elsewhere we find apprehension of an indecisive result, producing a "hung" Parliament in which the increased complement of Ulster MPs, together with the Alliance and a few assorted nationalists, would make coherent government impossible, and lead quickly to yet another general election which neither the parties nor the nation could afford.

The Alliance leaders profess to see things differently. Having abandoned any hope of securing a majority themselves, they are relying publicly on using such a "hung" Parliament to bargain with one or other of the main parties to enact proportional representation. Privately they must be aware that this prospect is a political mirage, useful for garnering votes but bearing little relation to reality.

The Alliance itself is based on the false notion that the two-party system is an adventitious element of the British political system, and can easily be made to give way to a three-party system with a "centrist party" in the middle. The arguments against this idea are not only to be sought in Parliament, in the very seating arrangements of the two Houses, but in the country at large. As Bagehot pointed out more than a century ago: "In London society the idea of a middle party can be understood; but in the country, in the constituencies which are the ultimate source of power, it would be an unintelligible nondescript".

If the Liberals have done better in the share-out of constituencies with their SDP partners, it is because they have grasped the point that any successes must rest on getting individual constituencies to feel that in their case at least, the Liberals represent one of two, not three, serious contenders for the seat.

In contrast to this idea of the need for a centrist party to bring about reforms whose time has come and for which consensus can be obtained, Mr Brian Harrison in his recent remarkable book, *Peaceable Kingdom*, which should have been compulsory recess reading for all politicians, argues with much learning that the two-party system itself has been able to perform this role through successive generations for the last two centuries. Each government in turn has been forced to take middle opinion into account, and a series of illustrious statesmen, while faithful for the most part to their own parties, have contrived to bring Britain through its crises without splits too dangerous to be tolerable within a parliamentary system.

The problem may be that some peculiarities of the present situation of the parties suggest that there are almost as many difficulties in this model in present-day circumstances as there are in the idea of the Alliance playing a constructive role in the next Parliament.

For this there are two reasons. The first, which has been with us for a long time, is that one of the two major parties is indissolubly connected with the trade union movement. And this is clearly reflected in the regional distribution of party support as revealed by the polls. It is because of its failure to break into the trade union world that the SDP has so bleak a future – irrespective of whether its leading figures regard themselves as centrists or neo-socialists. Very few of its present MPs can hope to be in the next House of Commons, and whatever the size of the Alliance contingent, it is clear that a large majority of them will be Liberals.

The second reason is that the likelihood that defence policy will be a major electoral theme is particularly ominous for the Alliance. CND activists make no attempt to conceal the fact that having won over the Labour Party, they feel they are close to success in the Liberal Party also. On the other hand, for obvious reasons, the SDP is more resistant to the siren voices from the Kremlin that reach us by way of Greenham Common.

Whatever Mr Steel's personal views may be, there is really no question but that in a hung Parliament he will once again find a Lib-Lab pact the only solution he can sell to his followers. And in that case the Alliance as such will be dead. What will then happen to its members or to the more patriotic and hard-headed members of the Labour Party itself is a subject for speculation.

It is possible to imagine many developments which might alter this picture. The Labour Party might contrive to put its weight and that of the trade unions behind an alternative economic policy sufficiently attractive to win over voters, rightly concerned about the appalling level of unemployment. Other domestic issues may emerge. But as of the beginning of 1983, a two-party contest of the traditional kind seeems to be emerging from behind the smokescreen of multi-party chatter.

Despite attempts to brand the Conservative Party as extremist or even fanatical, it would seem on most issues closer to the national consensus than its opponents; it is the Labour Party in its present mood that is the obstacle to the kind of underlying unity of purpose that has made the two-party system so fruitful in the past.

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Broadway: the shows that can't go on

New York

Faced with a depressing season of failed shows, falling attendances and empty, shuttered theatres, Broadway has been looking for scapegoats. It has discovered the recession, dwindling numbers of tourists and – it is forced to admit – high ticket prices. But most of all it has discovered the critics.

The critics have had harsh words for most of the 23 new productions mounted so far this season, which runs from June 1 to May 31. If you believe the Broadway industry, they have done more than anything to dampen spirits, depress theatregoers and to dull Broadways most vital commodity – its glitter.

Thirteen of the 39 Broadway theatres now stand dark and whenever that happens the property developers, hungry for prime Manhattan space, gather menacingly around the corpse. After all, it costs $150,000 (about £94,000) a year to maintain an empty Broadway theatre.

Nine highly profitable, long-running shows closed in 1982, including *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, Children of a Lesser God, Sophisticated Ladies, Death Trap* and most recently to close, *Annie*.

"They closed through attrition," says Mr Harvey Sabinson, executive director of the League of New York Theatres and Producers, the industry's trade association. "They had run their course and some had been made into films. Unfortunately they closed at a time when we have very few other hits."

Hits are what Broadway is all about and the only new blockbuster is *Cats*.

The forgotten names of last season's failures are still found fading on occasional billboards, names like *The First*, (which lost $3m), *Little Me* ($2m) and *Merrily We Roll Along* ($1.8m).

In contrast, *Annie* made $2.8m last season alone.

Broadway is trapped by the public's expectations of grand, expensive productions. It now costs an average of $25 for a Broadway ticket (although for *Cats* it is $45), which keeps many people away. The strong dollar has also deterred foreign visitors, who normally make up 10 per cent of Broadway audiences.

Broadway currently has 23 shows – 27 more are scheduled to open by May 12 and there may yet be more. The number of new shows, therefore, should equal that of last season, if not exceed it.

But some say that ten or more current Broadway productions are on the point of closure and it is a sad fact that of seven musicals launched this season only *Cats* has survived.

"Sure, it's not good," Mr Sabinson said. "We would do a lot better if we had some really credible critics. We haven't had one since 1922."

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LADY OF THE ISLES

There is nothing like seeing for oneself. Mrs Thatcher's surprise arrival in the Falklands may provoke all kinds of over-reaction but, at the heart of it, lies the fact that she will now be infinitely better equipped to assess future possibilities for the Islands and their inhabitants than she would have been simply on the basis of official briefings. Apart from anything else it can no longer be said that she and the Argentine leadership share a mutual, if contradictory, myth about the islands which might deprive them both of rational decision making.

Port Stanley, Tumbledown, Darwin, the modest island economy, the hopes and fears of a small agrarian community of "our people" – all this – including the Argentine mine fields and the manifest and unforgivable evidence of the invader's vandalism, are no longer myths. They are no longer mirages for Mrs Thatcher now. They are hard reality; and in a concrete sense will quite rightly be moulded into the Prime Minister's quartz-like determination to disabuse the world of any notion that just because Argentina goes on asserting its claim to sovereignty indefinitely, it will somehow be granted. Quite clearly, as long as Mrs Thatcher is Prime Minister, it will not.

When Mr George Shultz, the United States Secretary of State, visited London last month, he was severely rebuked by Mrs Thatcher for suggesting that Britain would soon have to resume negotiations about the issue of sovereignty with Argentina. Any simple study of the recent past – as the Franks Report will probably also show next week – makes it clear that though there may be no hope of achieving some stable modus vivendi with Argentina if the Falklands sovereignty remains non-negotiable, there is actually no better hope of achieving greater stability even if the subject were to become negotiable. It was precisely because of that muddle in the past that the Argentines felt emboldened to invade a territory that the British were signalling they no longer wished to be responsible for.

The blandness of Mr Shultz's diplomatic approach may find this hard to comprehend. He is particularly in search of a South Atlantic strategic grouping which, behind the main theme, has the small percussion element of an American desire to get a settlement over the Falklands. With Argentina in its past, present and likely future state of endemic crisis, it would be anyway more prudent to select Brazil, Chile and possibly even Uruguay as the basic building blocks of such a strategic grouping. There is something sadly rotten in that state of Argentina which makes it all the more unrealistic to talk about sovereignty negotiations with her as though a mere concession of that kind to her hectoring and bullying over the Falklands could also miraculously cure the wild distempers which rage unchecked within.

The myth of their Malvinas is neither the cause of the Argentine crisis; nor would it be the cure. And the identity of the hostile stranger, so necessary for this collective condition, would revert merely from Britain to Chile or perhaps even Brazil as so often hitherto in Argentina's paranoid past.

However, there is more at stake in the South Atlantic than the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands. Britain's dependencies are scattered more widely towards Antarctica and form a crucial element in the composition of that region, whose Treaty is to be renewed in six years time. That will be a matter of careful diplomacy in which the Argentine position would be at a considerable disadvantage unless Buenos Aires shows itself capable of conducting business on a less bellicose basis. Given an absence of bellicosity there is obviously much of mutual advantage that can be arranged.

In the meantime Mrs Thatcher will find that "pressing the flesh" among the Falklanders who quite rightly regard her as their saviour will be no substitute for practical economic measures to equip the Islands for a future more in keeping with the plans laid out by Lord Shackleton in his Report. It would offend all accepted theories of prudent development economics to saturate a small archipelago with a scattered population with sudden munificence; and that should not be done. The case for a huge new airport is not proven; nor is it yet so certain that gradual civil air links will not be feasible with some of Argentina's neighbours, handled discreetly.

The application of careful economic stimuli, as defined by Lord Shackleton, should halt the rundown which has hitherto eroded the islanders' self-confidence even before the first Argentine boot landed on their shores. Part of that self-confidence, of course, must arise from the clearest possible commitment from Britain that they will not be let down again just because it is awkward to keep them going. But it will not be allayed simply by the spectacle of a satisfactory military effort if the economic back-up for the islanders makes no progress. The fact that the preservation of a British Falklands may be a considerable inconvenience is not an argument against its preservation.

When the Falklands bush telegraph broadcast the news that "The Prime Minister is here" there was only one Prime Minister it could be. That is the meaning of Mrs Thatcher to the Falklanders; that is the measure of the commitment she had made to them; that is the measure of the responsibility which she, of all her Ministers, would be keen to live up to. She too has become a Falklander now.

SLOW ROAD OUT OF LEBANON

There was talk yesterday in Jerusalem of a possible "breakthrough" in the negotiations between Israel, Lebanon and the United States which resume today in the Lebanese town of Khalde. Any celebration would be premature, however. Even if it materialises, this breakthrough would be no more than agreement on an agenda. Seven months after the Israeli invasion, four months after the Palestinian fighters left Beirut, three and a half months after the inauguration of President Amin Gemayel, Lebanon remains an occupied country, with little prospect of early release.

Khalde itself, on the southern outskirts of Beirut, is still under Israeli occupation. So are the mountains of the Chouf which overlook it, and there the Israeli occupation has brought bloodshed to an area of Lebanon which, in the previous seven years of civil war, had largely escaped it. In the war of 1975 the Christians of the Chouf did not contest the local ascendancy of the Druze leader Kamal Jumblatt, and in return went unmolested by his partisans. Things have been different since the arrival of the Israelis and, in their wake, the Phalangist Christian militia. The Druze were realistic enough not to resist the Israeli blitzkrieg, but they have bitterly resisted the Lebanese interloper.

A seemingly parallel situation prevails in the north, under Syrian occupation. There the city of Tripoli has been racked for seven weeks by fighting between the Alawite immigrant minority (co-religionists of Syria's President Hafiz al-Assad) and the Sunni majority. The parallel is not complete, however. In the Chouf Israel's presence has exacerbated native Lebanese tensions, whereas Tripoli is largely the victim of extraneous conflicts for which it has the misfortune to provide a convenient arena (the whole tragic story of Lebanon in microcosm).

Tripoli is caught up in two separate quarrels concerning President Assad's régime. One is the battle with the Sunni majority in Syria, led by the Muslim Brotherhood. The other opposes Mr Assad to Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The latter, never a docile protégé, has now shaken decisively free of Syrian protection and thrown in his lot with Mr Assad's Arab enemies – King Husain of Jordan and President Saddam Husain of Iraq, who favours working with the Americans to achieve an Arab-Israeli settlement. Thus Mr Arafat's Fatah organization is to be found fighting on the Sunni side in Tripoli, while Palestinian factions loyal to Syria are lined up with the Alawites.

Thus Tripoli at least could be at peace if only the non-Lebanese forces – Syrian and Palestinian – were withdrawn from it. Both have indicated their willingness to withdraw if requested to do so by the Lebanese government, but with one crucial condition: the Israelis must leave Lebanon first. The Israelis for their part are most unlikely to agree to this. Their view is that the Palestinians should leave first, and then themselves and the Syrians by simultaneous stages, agreed in advance. It seems to be generally assumed that a compromise on timing can be worked out, once the principle of withdrawal is agreed between the Israeli and Lebanese governments. Hence the priority given to the negotiations now migrating between Khalde and Kiryat Shmona.

But here too Lebanon is in something of a cleft stick. As the price of withdrawal Israel wants to establish normal peaceful relations with Lebanon in such areas as tourism and commerce. Moreover it wants to ensure its own security by maintaining Israeli military observation posts in Lebanese territory, and a special security zone in the south to be policed by its own protégé, Major Saad Haddad. These demands are difficult for Lebanon to accept, if only because they would jeopardise her relations with the rest of the Arab world and provide Syria with an ideal pretext to drag her feet – as Mr Shafiq Wazzan, the Lebanese prime minister, was no doubt warned when he visited Damascus on Saturday.

Israel has many times proclaimed her anxiety to restore effective Lebanese sovereignty. She now has the chance to do that by agreeing to withdraw quickly subject to simultaneous withdrawal by Syria and the PLO, and to entrust the policing of south Lebanon to a Lebanese government which can hardly be accused of showing tenderness to Palestinians, assisted at the outset by a multinational force.

LOOKING FOR RECRUITS

Now that police authorities are at last showing more enthusiasm for black recruits, lack of motive in those communities is the main reason for the perilously small proportion of black men and women coming forward. The inhibition is due partly to distrust of the police derived from experience or hearsay, and partly to cultural antipathies of a more general sort. Neither will be easily or quickly dispelled.

Of those of Asian, African or West Indian descent who do apply, or would like to apply, to join the police many do not meet the educational standards that are set. Some do not meet those standards because they have not done themselves justice at school: they are capable of the necessary achievement and in other ways would make suitable recruits. It is most desirable that the opportunity of police training should not be denied them.

Official advice was issued last year for identifying those potential recruits and offering extra training and education to bring them up to the required standards. Some police authorities are already trying that. The Metropolitan Police have introduced special training for "near misses" in the entry test so that they may later pass. The scheme has not so far been a success, partly because no funds were available for grants or expenses. Derbyshire is trying a different tack. The police authority there is waiving formal qualifications for entry to the police cadet force, and selecting with an eye to other qualities and a freedom to include a generous proportion of blacks. All will be required to reach the educational and other standards before being accepted later as recruits to the police force proper.

Three considerations govern an initiative of that kind. The first is the need for more black policemen; to make forces more representative of the communities in which they keep the peace, and to reduce the suspicions and sense of grievance which ethnic minorities tend to have towards the police. The second is the avoidance of any lowering of standards of recruitment in the attempt to bring about a better balance: that would risk general damage to the efficiency of the police and invite the public labelling of black officers as inferior policemen. The third is the danger implicit in any overt discrimination in favour of blacks of provoking resentment among whites who see individually or collectively that they are being discriminated against. If that catches on the last state is worse that the first.

The scale and shape of the Derbyshire scheme ought to save it from that sort of resentment except at the worst extremities of racial prejudice. Racial quotas adopted as a matter of policy for the purpose of minority advancement are understandably suspect. But that is not the object of the Derbyshire cadet scheme. Its object is to improve the force's chances of getting the sort of manpower it needs to make an efficient job of its policing responsibilities. The scheme fits that purpose. It deserves every success.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Use of animals in the laboratory

From Professor R. Y. Calne, FRS

Sir, The public is remarkably ambivalent towards the treatment of animals. Most of us love animals but eat meat, wear feather and are happy to benefit from medical advances. Human lives are lost attempting to save animals in peril, yet the RSPCA sanctions the death of 200,000 unwanted and abandoned pets each year – more than ten times the number used in all United Kingdom laboratories.

There appears to be little concern when idealistic criminals claiming to represent the Animal Liberation Front, break in and steal in an attempt to prevent research as happened recently in this university (report, January 5). Are these men and women sufficiently idealistic to eschew when they are ill treatment with antibiotics, to withhold insulin from their children should they become diabetic, to refuse open heart surgery to infants born with congenital heart disease or deny a life-saving kidney graft to a youngster suffering from kidney failure?

Let there be no misunderstanding, the eradication of smallpox, the control of poliomyelitis, diphtheria and tuberculosis, the ability to cure most dangerous common infections, the successful repair of many heart defects, and the rehabilitation of thousands of patients suffering from kidney disease are possible solely because of experiments on animals.

Diabetes is treatable because insulin was discovered by Banting and Best in surgical experiments on dogs. The dog was also used to develop heart and transplantation surgery. If further medical advances are to be made, and there are many diseases that still cause suffering and death in the young, then the public must accept animal experimentation.

If progress in medicine is not desired – an unlikely supposition in a civilized society – then suppression of animal experiments should be brought about by democratic processes of Parliament, not criminal acts.

Yours faithfully,
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Control of foxes

From the Chairman of the Masters of Foxhounds Association

Sir, May I refer to the article on hunting, by Richard North in your paper on January 4? As it is headed "in pursuit of the facts" it is important to get the fact that it is necessary to cull foxes correct. The reason that the fox population remains more or less constant, with local fluctuations, is that their numbers are controlled by man in his various capacities. Recognised foxhunts are expected by their farmers and landowners to be efficient in the control of the number of foxes each season.

Most of these hunts attain this objective and the foxes are not in the main then subjected to the alternative methods of control which, as Mr North indicates, involve more suffering and which incidentally occur in regions where hunting is impossible. Foxes do not perish in large numbers from natural causes, as is implied, and indeed often survive to a ripe age. Hunting does not seek to exterminate, or indeed decimate, the local foxes but to control them and disperse them to the broad satisfaction of rural communities.

There are many other good reasons for hunting to continue, not least that the great majority of farmers and landowners welcome it, contrary to what the article suggests. The suggestion that foxes and other hunted quarry very seldom need culling is not true, nor would it be good for the species; without hunting there would be many less foxes, deer or hares permitted to be left unmolested in their breeding seasons.

Yours faithfully
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January 7.

A bar to comparison

From Dr Malcolm Weller

Sir, The inflation rate of Cadbury's chocolate bars does not compare so "outstandingly well with postage inflation" between 1914 and the present as asserted by Mr Dominic Cadbury (January 4) when one considers that diverse hydrogenated fats are now used as substitutes for the traditional, and more expensive, cocoa butter. It is arguable that the stuff is not chocolate at all.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM WELLER,
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January 4.

Politic significance?

From Mr Alan Shelley

Sir, Yesterday evening I saw a nondescript saloon car of indeterminate colour in the Beaconsfield area. The registration plate letters were "SDP" followed, after the number, by the suffix "Y".

No answer was apparent. The car in question was a left-hand drive model. Is this significant?

Yours faithfully,
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Farnham Common,
Buckinghamshire.

Lesson of employment comparison

From Sir Richard O'Brien

Sir, The letter from Professor Clunies-Ross (January 4) on ways to reduce unemployment points in the right direction. He draws attention to the relative success achieved by certain other countries in keeping unemployment below 3 per cent and in controlling inflation.

These countries – Austria, Norway and Sweden – have in common "institutions that allow wage rates to be determined by a set of social decisions rather than by restrictions on society's output". He might have broadened the group to include other countries which have been successful economically, e.g. West Germany and Japan, and which have also consciously developed ways of achieving cooperation and understanding on national economic objectives between Government, unions and employers.

We, too, made efforts during the 1960s and 1970s to set up institutions and consultations which would promote such cooperation and understanding. It is now too often forgotten that during this time we began to arrest Britain's far-from-inevitable economic decline. This table, comparing UK and EEC, reveals what happened to productivity.

Growth rate of output per person in manufacturing
annual average %

	1955-60	1960-64	1964-69	1967-73
UK	2.19	3.15	3.40	4.46
EEC (excluding Luxembourg)	4.57	4.81	5.94	4.63

(Source: *Policy Studies Journal*, January, 1983, quoting *National Institute Economic Review*, August, 1976.)

At the same time the stage was *being set for a growth in exports. For* those of us who were involved in negotiations with Government in the early 1970s, this period seems in retrospect to be a tragedy of lost *opportunities. Our failure to create a* new basis of relationships between Government, employers and unions prevented us from absorbing the impact of the oil price increases as well as other countries.

The waste of resources involved in high unemployment, let alone the moral questions involved, demands that we consider afresh how to run the economy at a higher level of activity and thus begin the long, hard task of reducing unemployment.

It will not be possible to control inflation, increase profits and investment and promote employment without a policy for wages and salaries. This involves discussions and trade-offs between the social partners. It does not imply that everything should be settled at the centre. A national economic understanding could and should provide a framework within which managements and shop stewards make their own decisions.

In these ways Britain could do as well as other, more successful, economies.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mrs J. Spencer-Knott

Sir, In his assessment, Professor Clunies-Ross (January 4) does less than justice to this country in *ignoring the fundamental problems* posed by population density. Figures for Sweden are, population density 18 per sq. km; Norway, 13; and Austria, 89; whereas the relevant *figures respectively for the UK and* for England and Wales are 228 and 326.

Bearing in mind limitations imposed by the Arctic/Alpine factors *of the countries cited, they each have* an overall population smaller than that of London, but individually they enjoy a much larger slice of the national cake, enriched by the wide variety of natural resources.

And is not Norway maintaining high employment by stockpiling goods which are too costly to find markets abroad?

Yours faithfully,
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Nuclear debate

From Professor James O'Connell

Sir, The argument has constantly been introduced – and again by Professor Pick (January 3) – that nuclear weapons have been a factor in keeping the peace in Europe for the last thirty years. It seems worthwhile to look at this argument in perspective.

To begin with, it seems reasonable to allow that such weapons, with their destructive power, may have contributed to restraining the countries of the two great alliances in Europe from attacking one another. It takes greater provocation to go to war in the face of utterly destructive retaliation. Yet it is also the case that countries such as Britain and Germany, which a generation ago tried to devastate one another, have not only managed to avoid sources of conflict but have found good reasons for all sorts of co-operation.

Peace was consolidated as countries discovered that their interests converged. A perceived external military threat may have helped in forming the Western military alliance. But those historical factors that went into the making of the Common Market (as those that went into the unification of Germany in the nineteenth century) have been deeper and more pervasive than military considerations.

In other words, if nuclear weapons have been a factor in keeping the peace, it is also the case that many other, and in Western Europe at least, more powerful factors have been at work.

It is, furthermore, in many respects misleading to refer to the present period as a period of peace only. It is as well a period of readiness and preparation for war. Technology has dispensed with popular mobilization for war, but it leaves war a possible 15 minutes away at any time. Under circumstances of permanent armed mobilisation and possibly imminent war countries live in relentless insecurity.

For such reasons, before we attribute an excessive role to nuclear weapons in keeping the peace, we must ponder the dangers that they involve. In this context I am not arguing that the United States and the Soviet Union should, or could, be prevailed on in the near future to *discard all their nuclear weapons*. They should, however, be more sensitive than either has been to the need for relative disarmament and to the dangers of proliferation.

The British case, however, is different from that of the superpowers. To judge British retention of nuclear weapons within an already over-armed alliance we surely need to reckon not only the military dangers of existing policies but also the cost of nuclear uncertainty on the psychology of our people, the constitutional erosion of rights as government has been driven to conceal public policy (Chevaline and the inadequacy of civil defence, among other things), the diversion of money and skills from economic growth, and the growing bitterness of the politics of a divided nation.

Yours etc,
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January 6.

From Mr Gordon Bromley

Sir, It is generally agreed that one of the chief barriers to all-round arms reduction is Russian fear of aggression by the Western Powers. Though unjustified today, such fear, in the light of history, is easily understandable. What can be done to dispel it?

One thing we can do is to demonstrate in every way possible – especially in broadcasts to Eastern block countries, but also here at home – that absolutely no one in the West wants an anti-Soviet war. The demonstrations here, news of which would trickle through to the Russians, should not be left to the CND since, unfortunately, that body has become confused with unilateralism, a policy that has the backing of only a small minority.

What is needed is a "Lasting Peace with Russia" campaign that could be supported with sincerity and enthusiasm by all political parties throughout the Western world.

Such a campaign, to which lunatics alone could be opposed, would not of course work miracles; but if it helped dispel only a little of the Russian fear would surely be worth the effort, especially at a time like this, when Mr Andropov appears to wish for a clearer understanding with the West.

Yours truly,
GORDON BROMLEY,
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January 5.

M40 inquiry

From Lady Elton

Sir, The Department of Transport is clearly as insensitive as ever. When the M5 slashed an extravagant diagonal through the Gordano Valley and across the north Somerset levels within a few hundred yards of Clevedon Court no mention was made of a "low background drone" (report, December 15).

This must be a euphemism for incessant foreground roar, augmented by the squeal of lorry tyres *on the wet carriageway and the* flapping of the plastic sheets which protect road-borne cargoes of cakes and ale and consumer durables.

Serious scholarship is hardly possible in this library until nearly midnight, and the peace of the steeply terraced gardens so movingly described by Thackeray in *Henry Esmond* is shattered by noise.

In the late sixties, during discussions with transport officials, we asked, on behalf of the National Trust, about tree-planting, only to be told, humorously no doubt, that we could spend the "compensation" on trees or diamond tiaras.

We planted 500 trees and the department planted some scrub, but not to much effect. Given the state of the diamond market the gratuitous suggestion of tiaras was frivolously bad advice and indicates some lack of foresight in the Department of Transport.

Yours faithfully,
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Somerset.

The Tory tradition

From Councillor Trevor Russel

Sir, Your excellent editorial "Tories thirty years on" (January 5) should finally demolish the new Conservative right's always-dubious claim to somehow be the heirs to the 1952 Tory mantle. To those of us who have drawn our Conservatism from "Rab" Butler, the suggestion has always seemed preposterous.

However, you could have gone further and pointed out that the Eden, Macmillan, Home and Heath administrations were equally dissimilar to Mrs Thatcher's in tone, approach, philosophy and policies. In other words, the new Conservatism would be alien to *every* post-war Tory government.

It will be interesting to see how the historians of 2012 evaluate the present administration's domestic record, especially against its Tory predecessors' performance. One suspects the judgement will be harsh – and rightly so.

Yours faithfully,
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Political design in university cuts

From Professor E. A. Barnard, FRS

Sir, Your columnist, Roger Scruton, writes (January 4), along with much else in the same vein, "A person who knows only engineering or microbiology finds himself hampered by his knowledge, which casts little light on his experience, and leads to no new communication with his fellow humans." C. P. Snow, thou should'st be living at this hour!

Microbiology, for example, like any other study in depth of the living world, can certainly lead the enquirer to an appreciation of intrinsic beauty, logic, hidden patterns of meaning and challenge to pure intellect, no less so than the humanities which Dr Scruton champions. To write of knowing "only" microbiology is, also, a trivial semantic trap implying that se and knowledge of a science must cut off all other types of knowledge. The "material for thought and conversation" which Dr Scruton urges us to seek by education is no less to be found in any of the natural sciences than in the Greek or mathematical which he recommends.

By denigrating one large part of learning, the scientific, he sows dissension in a camp which at this time needs to be united. All of us there need to defend those humane values, in the widest sense, in education, against the current political attack on them which the article identifies. I believe correctly.

Our present Government is – to its eternal shame – leading the way in the western world in this attack. The punitive cutbacks inflicted on our universities were not dictated by any real prospect of financial gain. In economic terms they will lose Britain more than it would gain, as has been well illustrated by earlier correspondents in these columns. Even immediately, the Government has allowed the total cost of maintenance of the student population to remain undiminished: the universities are being cut in numbers but the polytechnics have been permitted to increase their intakes correspondingly.

No, the Rhodes Boysons and Keith Josephs of this Government seem to wish to attack universities as such, and the culture they maintain, regarding them as a sheltered enclave which must be made to share in the general misery. The suspicion of higher education which Dr Scruton writes does exist in British political life today, and one probes one can hear it frankly expressed there.

This political attitude leads to true philistinism, scornful and destructive of learning, ready to turn away students who genuinely seek and to cut down a university system whose independence of thought, high standards of education and nurturing of scholarship and research were unsurpassed in the world. By the time the magnitude and character of the assault is generally appreciated, it will have done major damage not only to our national material well-being but also to the transmission of culture in all of its manifold aspects.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC BARNARD,
Imperial College of Science and Technology,
Department of Biochemistry,
South Kensington, SW7.
January 5.

Telegram delays

From Sir Rudolf Peierls, FRS

Sir, When cost-cutting is combined with lack of imagination the results can be deplorable. After abolishing the domestic telegraph service British Telecom are letting international service slip to the point of complete uselessness.

A telegram addressed to me in Oxford was sent from the United States about noon (our time) on December 31. It went to London, not Oxford. The time of receipt is not shown, but it was early enough to be postmarked at 15.30 that day. It reached me by mail on January 4, one day before the confirmation copy mailed from America. No attempt was made to transmit it by phone. My phone number is clearly shown in the current directory.

This was not the first time a foreign telegram has suffered this kind of delay. To a complaint on a previous occasion I received a polite explanation that delivery by phone was used only when the address of the message gave a phone number, or "unless telegrams would obviously fail in their purpose if not delivered the same day". In whose judgment? In that case the delay was in fact cause considerable difficulty.

The letter also indicated that hand-delivery of telegrams would soon cease completely, but nevertheless that customers continue to use the international telegraph service because, while lacking in speed, it still had "style".

If this is the best service of which they are capable, British Telecom should refuse to accept foreign telegrams not including a "phone number", or warn senders about delays, to avoid being guilty of false pretences.

Yours faithfully,
RUDOLF PEIERLS,
2b Northmoor Road,
Oxford.
January 6.

Deus et machina

From Mr John Rabson

Sir, "Evangelicals split loose" (report, January 3). Ecclesiastes Luddites?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN RABSON,
Limes Farm House,
Eyke,
Suffolk.
January 3.



COURT CIRCULAR

ANDRINGHAM
anuary 9: Divine Service was held
Sandringham Church this
norning.

The Rev J. R. W. Stott preached
he sermon.

Mr Charles Candy had the
onour of being received by The
Queen when Her Majesty decorated
im with the Royal Victorian Medal
Gold).

Mr John Collings had the honour
f being received by The Queen
when Her Majesty decorated him
with the Royal Victorian Medal
Silver).

service of Evensong to give
hanks for the life and work of Sir
lan Parks, President of the Royal
College of Surgeons of England, will
e held on Wednesday, January 12,
983, at 4.30 pm at the Church of St
lement Danes, Strand, London.
ickets will not be required.

Birthdays today

ir Commodore Sir Vernon Brown,
4; Mr Justin Evans, 80; Mr A. A.
old, 66; Mr Sidney Griller, 72; Mr
erek Hammond-Stroud, 54; Sir
obert Marshall, 63; Mr Roy
oore, 75; Sir Gerald Reece, 86; Mr
od Stewart, 38.

'Denationalizing' church poses new problems

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Church of England, which sometimes casts nervous glances in the direction of the English Roman Catholic Church, will be reassured to know that that body makes no claim to be the alternative national church.

The recent review of the English Roman Catholic infrastructure, produced by a committee under Cardinal Basil Hume, declares that the Second Vatican Council "in no way endorses the concept of a national church".

So severely has that principle been applied in the course of the review that the proposals that emerge substantially "denationalize" the structure, rooting it in local, that is to say, diocesan, churches.

Protest have already been heard that this will stop in its tracks the fruitful development of such "national" Roman Catholic bodies as the Justice and Peace Commission or the Racial Justice Commission, two bodies with many admirers (and also many critics) inside and outside the Roman Catholic community.

The review does not reject entirely the possibility of national structures, but requires that they be expressions of diocesan structures. These are at present somewhat lacking, and until they are in place and functioning, the intention is that the only official national body will be the Episcopal Conference of England and Wales.

Even that will be no more than an intermediate structure, augmenting the fundamental modes of the church as a "local" church and a "universal" church.

Second Vatican Council theology, the review body stated, locates the church's manifestation in time and space as the people in community headed by the bishop. These communities, and these bishops, add together throughout the world into the universal church, headed similarly by the Bishop of Rome, the universal primate.

Dioceses are thus the fundamental units; national groupings of dioceses reflect a sociological and historical necessity rather than a deep ecclesiological truth.

These first principles have been reverted to largely because the earlier attempt to produce a national infrastructure was judged a failure. The flaw was said to be neglect of the "local" church as the real unit; the review places great emphasis on the need to build upwards from local churches with an invigorated sense of community.

The structure now proposed for demolition consists of a series of national commissions, one for each area of operation, whose membership was a mixture of bishops, lay and clerical experts, and allegedly representative lay people.

They were appointed rather than elected, and it was never quite clear what they were supposed to do, or what their relationship was supposed to be with their parent body, the bishop's conference.

There is no representative lay body in the Roman Catholic Church, and he review hopes there could be, once the dioceses have developed representative structures of their own.

The review body, having asked radical questions and suggested radical answers as far as it went, has left some radical questions still waiting to be asked, not least about the full consequences of eschewing the concept of a national church.

Is the emerging national identity of "English Roman Catholicism" a mistake? Is the "national" nature of the Church of England to be made a further obstacle to the ecumenical goal of full mutual communion? Or is there an implied recognition that there is one "national" church already, and one is all there is room for?

And even more serious questions arise about the concept of the "local" church as a community gathered round a bishop.

It is not obvious that any real meaning attaches to the word "community" applied, for instance, to the Roman Catholic diocese of Portsmouth, not untypical of others, which includes the southern part of the city of Oxford, the Channel Islands, Portsmouth and Bournemouth.

There is a further difficulty in basing a renewal of structures on an idealized concept of the church, for it is bound to start from the untrue aassumption that the local Christian community is confined to those of one denomination.

The "ideal" church, to which all baptised Christians belong, has not yet arrived, and even the Church of England no longer approximates to it. "Pure" Second Vatican Council ecclesiology cannot therefore be applied, however neat its answers; applied to a situation full of anomalies, it could be destructive of the values it is trying to uphold.

The Roman Catholic Church's presence in England and Wales, and the structural problems it is having to face, are still overshadowed by the presuppositions of 1850, even if those presuppositions are no longer regarded as true; Cardinal Wiseman certainly seemed to think he was founding a "national" church, and it would be the only church that God would regard as such.

The local Roman Catholic bishops, established in their dioceses in 1850, could genuinely believe that the only local Christian community was their own. Most denominations thought like that, then, and sometimes sound as if they still do.

But if a contemporary church choses to embark on a restructuring operation, appealing to first principles for its inspiration, it is not likely to be happy with the result if only half its received assumptions are examined anew, and not the whole of them.

It would be an interesting exercise if the Roman Catholic bishops were now to ask a committee of Anglican and Free Church composition to offer some outside well-wishers' comments on their new scheme.

Forthcoming marriages

ord Bruce Dundas
d Miss S. C. Lascelles
he engagement is announced
etween Bruce, son of the Marquess
d Marchioness of Zetland, of
ichmond, Yorkshire, and Sophie,
aughter of Mr and Mrs Giles
ascelles, of London, SW4.

Ir M. R. C. Grieve
d Miss N. H. Dyer
he engagement is announced
etween Michael, son of the Hon
ord and Lady Grieve, of Belgrave
rescent, Edinburgh, and Nadine
ilary, elder daughter of Mr and
rs L. S. Dyer, of Mill House, West
arleigh, Kent.

Ir N. M. Baker
d Miss P. A. Gray
he engagement is announced
etween Nicholas Michael, youngest
n of Mr and Mrs E. G. Baker, of
ill House, Sudbury, Suffolk, and
auline Alison, daughter of Mr and
rs E. Gray, of Kinsbourne Green,
arpenden, Hertfordshire.

r M. J. Court
d Miss P. G. Doble
he engagement is announced
etween Martin Jeremy, son of the
ev K. R. and Mrs Court, of
ouglas, Isle of Man, and Petra
wyneth, daughter of the Rev P.
d Mrs Doble, of Haxby, York.

r R. M. Coventry
d Miss S. A. Murphie
he engagement is announced
etween Maxwell, younger son of
r and Mrs J. W. Coventry, of
ownfield, Neston, Wirral, and
nne, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. B.
urphie, of Greenacres, Barnston,
irral.

r H. M. G. Braddell
d Miss C. E. Haggas
he engagement is announced
etween Michael, son of Mr and
rs L. H. Braddell, of Glenageary,
Dublin, and Clare, daughter of
r J. B. Haggas, of Otley, West
orkshire, and Mrs C. E. Feather, of
athley, North Yorkshire.

r T. J. Corner
d Miss H. E. Brown
he engagement is announced
etween Timothy John, eldest son
Mr and Mrs A. J. Corner, of
inchester, Hampshire, and Helen
izabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and
rs P. F. Brown, of Niton
ndercliff, Isle of Wight.

r R. A. Downes
d Miss J. M. Ladd
he engagement is announced
etween Roy, son of Mrs Pip
ownes, of Lee-on-the-Solent, and
e late Commander Allan Downes,
SO, RN, and Janet, daughter of
r and Mrs John Ladd, of
ickmansworth.

r M. Falcon
d Miss K. Thistlethwayte
he engagement is announced
etween Michael, eldest son of Mr
d Mrs Michael G. Falcon, of
eswick Old Hall, Norwich, and
atharine, eldest daughter of Mr
d Mrs Peter Thistlethwayte, of
st Donyland Hall, Colchester.

r C. J. Fraser
d Miss S. L. Gladwin
he engagement is announced
etween Kit, son of Mr and Mrs
H. Fraser, of Moniack Castle,
verness, and Sarah Louise, only
aughter of Mr and Mrs J. H.
ladwin, of Bishop's Stortford,
ertfordshire.

r J. Gaymer
d Miss S. Ford
he engagement is announced
etween John, son of Mr and Mrs
obin Gaymer, of Malbrooks Farm,
entwood, Essex, and Susan,
aughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Ford,
Childerditch Hall, Brentwood,
sex.

Ir A. P. M. Glass
d Miss P. R. Hollingsworth
he engagement is announced
etween Paul, youngest son of Mr
d Mrs K. S. Glass, of Stubbing-
n, Hampshire, and Penny,
ounger daughter of Canon and Mrs
F. L. Hollingsworth, of Bealings
ectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Ir E. T. Gold
d Miss C. M. Cunningham
he engagement is announced
etween Edward Thomas, second
n of Dr and Mrs Stephen Gold, of
ondon, W1, and Clare Margaret,
ounger daughter of Mr and Mrs
harles J. Cunningham, of Westcott
arton, Oxfordshire.

Dr R. N. Goodchild
and Mejuffrouw E. de Boer
The engagement is announced between Robin Napier, son of Mr and Mrs G. R. Goodchild, of Mapperley Park, Nottingham, and Elisabeth, eldest daughter of De Heer and Mevrouw B. de Boer, of de Bilt, Holland.

Mr S. J. Hall
and Miss A. M. Szalanczi
The engagement is announced between Steven John, Elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Hall, of Thorpe Bay, Essex, and Andrea Michele, younger daughter of Mr S. Szalanczi and the late Mrs D. M. Szalanczi, of Lancaster.

Mr G. L. Harrison
and Miss F. M. Roupell
The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs N. Harrison, of Cape Town, South Africa, and Fiona, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel P. G. Roupell, of How Caple, Herefordshire, and Mrs M. J. Roupell, of London, SW1.

Mr N. A. Henderson
and Miss V. Y. Adams
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Alexander, younger son of the late Mr Alexander Ward Henderson and of Mrs Marjorie Henderson, of Sheffield, South Yorkshire, and Valerie Yvonne, daughter of Mr Peter Dilworth Adams and Mrs Jean Adams, of Worcestershire.

Mr B. J. Lenon
and Miss P. A. Thain
The engagement is announced between Barnaby John, eldest son of the Rev P. J. F. and Mrs Lenon, of Crowborough, and Penelope Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. D. Thain, of Twickenham.

Mr S. A. J. MacIntyre
and Mrs V. E. Longman
The engagement is announced between Stuart Alexander James, son of Mr and Mrs A. W. G. MacIntyre, of Beckenham, and Virginia Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr D. M. H. Longman, of London, SE24, and Mrs B. D. Farmer, of Sevenoaks.

Dr A. A. McLeod
and Dr S. Redpath
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. F. McLeod, of Bathford, Bath, Avon, and Sharon, younger daughter Mr and Mrs W. Redpath, of Appleton, Cheshire.

Mr M. T. Smyth
and Miss J. A. Young
The engagement is announced between Michael, second son of the Rev Kenneth and Mrs Smyth, of Drumbo, Lisburn, co Antrim, and Joyce Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T. A. Young, of Portchester, Hampshire.

Mr F. R. le P. Warner
and Miss P. A. Davis
The engagement is announced between Francis, third son of the late Canon Hugh C. Warner and of Mrs Nancy le P. Warner, of Helygen, Westcott Road, Dorking, Surrey, and Penelope, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John H. Davis, of George House, Blagdon, near Bristol.

Marriages

The Hon G. W. Chubb
and Miss W. Flackl
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Giles, Ashtead, Surrey, between the Hon William Chubb, eldest son of Lord and Lady Hayter, of Ashtead House, Ashtead, Surrey, and Miss Waltraud Flackl, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Flackl, of Sydney, Australia. The Rev Richard Askew and the Rev Anthony Horley officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr Peter Izard, wore an Elizabethan-style gown of ivory velvet and a floral headdress. She carried a bouquet of eucalypt, mimosa and lilies. Alfred and Georgia Chubb and Miss Louise Binney attended her. Mr David Fielden was best man.

A reception was held at Ashtead House and the honeymoon will be spent in Singapore, Sydney and the Isle of Pine, New Caledonia.

Mr B. Spanoghe
and Mrs K. Mason
The marriage took place quietly in London on Saturday, January 8, between Mr Benjamin Spanoghe and Mrs Katherine Mason (née Calder).

Latest wills

r Arthur Bowden Askey, of West
ensington, London, the comedian,
ft estate valued at £266,828 net.
ear-Admiral George Kempthorne
ollett, of Churt, Surrey, Vice-
aval Deputy at Supreme Head-
uarters, Allied Powers, Europe,
955-57, left estate valued at
13,034 net.
Other estates includes (net, before
x paid):
Winton, Major Charles Parry
lyn, of Llanfrynach, Powys
£252,360
illcock, Mrs Constance Annie, of
dmouth, Devon £238,201

Church news

Church leaders from the Soviet Union are to begin an 11-day visit to Britain and Ireland today at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie.

The visit has been organized by the British Council of Churches, of which Dr Runcie is the president. During their stay members of the 12-man group will travel to Northern Ireland, the Irish Republic, Scotland, Wales and Bristol.

Their other engagements include a meeting with Mr George Thomas, Speaker of the House of Commons,

The King George V, among the busiest of Britain's surviving steam locomotives since it was saved from the scrapyard by Bulmers, the cider makers, under the night lights at the British Rail engineering works at Swindon, where it is undergoing a refit. (Photograph: Richard Wintle).

Girls' Public Day School Trust

Spring Term for the 24 schools of the Girls' Public Day School Trust will begin this week. Half-term will be in the week of February 21. Mrs C. Jane Fitz will be taking up her appointment as Headmistress of Notting Hill and Ealing High School.

Miss Jennifer Plowman, at present Head of Portsmouth High School, has been appointed Headmistress of Bromley High School from January 1, 1984, on the retirement of the present headmistress, Miss P. M. F. Reid.

Moira House School Eastbourne

Easter Term begins today with 310 girls in the school. Long leave will be from February 10 to 13 and term ends on March 18. The 1st XI and U16 XI hockey teams play as all Sussex Champions in the Southern Counties Tournament in Middlesex on February 5, and Ingham Scholarship Day is Saturday, February 19.

Wellingborough School

Lent Term begins today and ends on Saturday, March 26. Confirmation is on Sunday, March 6, in chapel: Sheridan's *School for Scandal* will be performed on March 17, 18 and 19, and the London OW dinner is on Thursday, March 17.

The Leys

Lent Term at The Leys begins today. The senior prefect is A. M. G. Arnold and the captain of hockey A. W. T. Yap.

The half-term exeat is from February 18 to 22. The joint Methodist-Anglican Confirmation service will be held on March 23 and term ends on March 24.

Royal Grammar School, Guildford

Lent Term begins today and ends on March 25. There are 710 boys in the senior school and 285 at Lanesborough. The junior play, *Oliver Twist*, will be presented on March 9, 10 and 11. The choral society will perform *The Pirates of Penzance* on March 17, 18 and 19. The Cambridge dinner will be at Jesus College on February 19 and the Old Guildfordians' AGM and dinner will be on March 25 at the school.

Malvern College

Lent Term at Malvern College begins today. Mr R. de C. Chapman took up his appointment as headmaster on January 1. G. C. G. Neville is senior chapel prefect and J. A. Viner is junior chapel prefect. The half-term exeat is from February 12 to 15. *Iolanthe*, a joint production with Ellerslie School, will take place on February 24, 25 and 26. The scholarship examination takes place from March 7 to 9 and entries must reach the school by February 14. Term ends on March 19.

Dover College

Term begins today at both college and junior school. The Old Dovorian hockey match will be on February 13. Confirmation, administered by the Bishop of Dover, takes place on February 20. The school play, *Macbeth*, will be produced by Mr Michael James in the refectory from March 9 to 12. There is no half term. Term ends on March 19.

An attempt is to be made during 1983 to update Old Dovorian records. Will any Old Dovorians either themselves or knowing of others not in receipt of the regular mailings please write to the headmaster at the college.

St Felix School, Southwold

Spring Term begins today with 430 girls. Samantha Kemball and Catherine Morley-Jacob are joint heads of school. Interviews and auditions for academic and music scholarships will be held from February 8 to 11. The drama competition will take place on March 20 and term ends on March 25.

Kelly College

Easter Term begins today. An appeal for new buildings has begun and has so far raised £201,000 towards a target of £320,000. A new boarding house for sixth-form girls is nearing completion and other developments are taking place. Benjamin Britten's *Let's make an Opera* will be performed on January 21 and 22. There will be a production of *Romeo and Juliet* on March 16, 17 and 18, and a performance of Bach's B minor Mass on March 19.

Oratory School

Lent Term begins today. The school captain is S. G. W. Jones. Captain of soccer is T. J. H. Cooke. Half-term will be from February 16 to 20. Confirmation by the Archbishop of Birmingham will be on March 12. The school play will be performed on March 25 and 26. Term ends on March 28. Mr R. J. Hutchings, who has been appointed Headmaster of Cotton College, is succeeded as Housemaster of FitzAlan by Mr K. Gregory.

University news

Newcastle
Grants
North of England Cancer Research Campaign: £51,134 to Dr G A Turner to study metastasis and surface glycoproteins in relationship to site of transplantation and growth.

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Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
CAPTAINS: P H Wright to Snr Naval Offr Falkland Islands, Feb 2, 83; D J F Atkins to duty with FO Portsmouth as CSO (Plans and Reserves), Jan 25, 83.
COMMANDERS: R C Harvey to MOD(PE), March 4, 83; J A Beynon to staff of CIN CFLEET as Staff Offr Engrg to CSO(E), March 18, 83.
ROYAL MARINES
COLONELS: K N Wilkins to ADC to HM The Queen, Feb 24, 83; J St J Grey to ADC to HM the Queen, April 18, 83.
LIEUTENANT COLONELS: N F Vaux to RM Eastney for HQ TRF RM as COS, June 24, 83; T P T Donkin to 40 Cdo RM as CO, July 22, 83; P T Stevenson to 42 Cdo RM as CO, May 24, 83.
MAJORS: R C van der Horst to dept of CGRM as SO1 (Log) in the rank of Act Lt Col, April 15, 83; D R Whitcher to dept of CGRM as SO2 (Qtg), July 18, 83.
Retirements
Royal Navy
CAPTAIN: M J G Howitt, March 1, 83.
COMMANDERS: G H D Sample, March 4, 83; W D L Morris, Feb 26, 83; K R G Harper, Feb 22, 83.
ROYAL MARINES
MAJOR: D M Crook, Sept 10, 83.

Dinner

Medical Officers of Schools Association
The Medical Officers of Schools Association held its annual dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Russell Square, on Saturday. Dr T. W. Hoskins, president of the association, was in the chair and Dr A. W. Frankland also spoke. Dr M. Sarner, Sub-Dean for Postgraduate Studies, University College London School of Medicine, was also present.

Party

Lady Mayoress
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained children connected with the City and London Boroughs at a Christmas party held at the Mansion House on Saturday.

Moreover . . . Miles Kington

"Good morning, Kent", said Lois Lang.

"Hello, Lois", said Kent, humbly.

Kent Kirk was a humble Euro-MP who worked humbly at the headquarters of the mighty EEC, the organization dedicated to bringing peace forever to Europe, and to keeping New Zealand butter out. He tended to do most things humbly, partly because he was a mousy sort of fellow, partly because he was only a Danish Euro-MP, and however nice the Danes were to everybody they just didn't have the kind of GNP to let them boss people around.

He was especially humble with Lois Lang. Although only a Euro-secretary, she was the most beautiful person he had ever met. But what chance had he against Sir Geoffrey Fitchet-Pie, the Euro-Tory she was in love with?

"Isn't the fishing news *terrible?*" said Lois, her lovely eyes gleaming with indignation.

"Is it?" said Kent lamely. "I didn't hear the fishing news this morning".

"Oh, Kent, you're so hopeless", said Lois. "Haven't you heard? The British have told the Danes to keep out of their waters, even though EEC rules let them in. I think someone should teach the British a lesson."

"Haven't you had a word with your Euro-boy-friend?" said Kent.

"Geoffrey? Oh, but he's just steel and coal. There's nothing he can do. And if he can't do anything, what can anyone do?"

Just one person, thought Kent Kirk, as he slipped into a convenient international dialling booth. The only person who can help keep Europe united is – Superdane!

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Kent Kirk's closely kept secret was his dual identity as Superdane. As readers of *Eurocomix* Nos 1-156 will know, Kent was the lone survivor of the far-off civilization of Encyclopaedia. He had been brought up by a pair of childless Danish social workers who had told him his secret just before they had been taxed out existence. Now he devoted his life to aiding the European economy . . . but why not buy Nos 1-156 and find out?

Meanwhile, Superdane emerged from the dialling booth, apologized to the French deputy who had been making a call the whole time and flew off to Copenhagen.

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"Sorry, but I need to borrow it for a moment", cried Superdane as the amazed trawler owner saw the mighty Scandinavian drop out of the sky like a muscle-bound seagull. "I am going to England!"

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"Holy mackerel", mused Superdane. "My X-ray vision tells me that fishery protection vessel Red Tape is coming to meet me. But it will be no match for my powers. I shall let them board me, and then we shall see who has the more ker-chow-bam-splat."

It was his first mistake. When he saw the familiar peaked cap come over the side he recognized his old enemy.

"Quivering catch quotas!" he quailed. "Whitehall Wizard!"

"The same", grinned Wizard evilly. "As you know, your supra-national powers are totally ineffective in the presence of my Book of By-Laws. You were lucky to get the best of me in that business over the Cod Crisis" – fish fans, refer to No 73 – "but I've got you this time. Take that!"

And unerringly he threw a copy of the British Waters and Similar Fluids Act, 1967, at the hapless Viking hero.

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"I therefore fine you £30,000", said the Magistrate sternly, "and I would be grateful for a cheque in sterling and not guilders or samovars, or whatever you use to buy lager."

As Kent Kirk changed back into his thermal superclothes in the British call-box, which reeked of cider and worse, he realized grimly that his latest and greatest battle against the Whitehall Wizard was about to commence. He emerged, apologizing to the reporter who had been waiting to reverse charges to BBC Radio News, and flew back to his Euro-home.

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"Gosh, where have you *been*, Kent?" said Lois. "Things have been happening in your absence. Superdane appeared and invaded British waters!"

"How did he get on, Lois?" said Kent humbly.

"He made a complete sprat of himself", said Lois. "Sir Geoffrey told me last night that he hasn't got a chance against Whitehall Wizard."

"That's what you think", thought Kent. "Now is the time to enlist an ally. I shall send for Euro-judge! Holy herring nets! With the magic powers of the court of Justice, who can defeat me?"

(Will Superdane outwit the wiley wizard? Or will the bureaucratic Brits ensnare him in their incredibly boring court procedure? Don't miss the next amazing episode!)

OBITUARY

MISS EDITH COATES

Noted operatic mezzo-soprano


Edith Coates as Carmen

Miss Edith Coates, OBE, who died at her home in Worthing on January 7 at the age of 74 had been well known in this country as an operatic mezzo-soprano during a career which lasted well over forty years.

From a stage debut as a fairy in Shakespeare at the Old Vic she went on to sing at Sadler's Wells and later with the Covent Garden company, and if she was not in the top flight of dramatic mezzo-sopranos her acting sense and stagecraft always made her a valued member of any cast.

Edith Coates was born at Lincoln on May 31, 1908 and studied at Trinity College of Music, London and with Clive Carey and Dino Borgioli. From stage parts at the Old Vic she made her operatic debut with the Vic-Wells company as Giovanna in *Rigoletto* and continued to sing small roles such as Siebel *(Faust)* and Frédéric *(Mignon)* until invited to sing Carmen in the 1931 season at Sadler's Wells; it was to become her most notable role.

Miss Coates became the company's leading mezzo-soprano and sang Lehl in the first English-language performance of Rimsky-Korsakov's *The Snow Maiden* (1933) and Eboli in the English-language *Don Carlos* (1938) among many other roles.

In 1945 she created the role of Auntie in *Peter Grimes* at Sadler's Wells, then was invited to be a member of the new resident company at Covent Garden in 1974, where she repeated her Carmen, and sang Azucena, Amneris, Ortrud, Fricka, and perhaps most memorably, the part of the Old Countess in *The Queen of Spades*, in which her acting and singing made an indelible impression. She also created roles in Bliss's *The Olympians* (1949) and Britten's *Gloriana* (1953).

She continued to make occasional appearances in small but significant parts throughout the 1960s in various British houses; as late as 1966 she created Grandma in Grace Williams's *The Parlour* with the Welsh National Opera.

She was married to the singer and producer Powell Lloyd, and was appointed OBE in 1977. She had a commanding stage presence and an imposing if not invariably steady voice.

MR ALBERT BARNES

Mr Albert Barnes, who died on December 19 was the editor of the children's comic paper, *The Dandy*, from its inception in 1937 until last year, and the creator of one of its original and most enduring features, Desperate Dan.

An extraordinary phenomenon in an age of change which has seen such a rapid and comprehensive revolution in the exteriors and contents of children's papers, *The Dandy* was launched on December 4, 1937 by the Dundee publishers D. C. Thomson, to join their already extant clutch of story papers *Wizard, Hotspur, Rover, Adventure* and *Skipper*.

It was to prove the most robust of its stablemates, mining an apparently inexhaustible vein of horseplay and slapstick of the most basic custard-pie variety which was to bring it a circulation of 2.2 million copies a week in its heyday in the 1950s.

Barnes, who was in the editor's chair on that day, was himself the creator of Desperate Dan, the cowboy of massive, bristled chin, superhuman strength and kindly, gullible, nature who is always happiest seated at a table in front of his daily diet of cow pie, a species of that dish which comprehends the whole of the animal, including horns and tail which project through the pastry.

Barnes is alleged to have told his artist to give Dan a chin like his own, "a chin like a chest of drawers" and the cowboy's feats – chewing iron to produce iron filings, spitting mouthfuls of nails into wood, thus sparing the hammer – have remained largely unchanged in character from that day to this. Only Korky the Cat was to survive with Dan from the paper's first issue until today.

Under Barnes *The Dandy* remained curiously unchanging. Not for it – nor for the *Beano* which joined the stable – were the sensitivity to the new interests and awareness of postwar children which changed the faces of other comics, in many cases administering a *coup de grace*. Sex, religion and politics never found a foothold in its pages. True, television gradually eliminated much of the written matter – stories with pages of words were a feature of the prewar *Dandy* and occupied almost half the comic. But for all that its schoolmasters continued to wear mortar boards, policemen still seemed to be "bobbies" rather than "the fuzz" and children's hooliganism still found its consummation in such antique pieces of adult discomfiture as slipping on a banana skin, and its retribution in the equally time honoured and fragrantly mythical parental slipper.

Barnes was to blame television for the decline of the children's comic market from its heyday and it seems unlikely that the circulation of any children's paper will ever equal *The Dandy* under his stewardship.

He retired from the editorship in April last year after 45 years in the chair.

PROF R. G. HARRISON

Professor R. G. Harrison, Derby Professor of Anatomy in the University of Liverpool, died on December 31. He was 61.

Ronald George Harrison was born on April 5, 1921, at Ulverston, Lancashire, and, after studying at Ulverston Grammar School, was awarded a Demyship at Magdalen College, Oxford, in 1938. He entered Magdalen in 1939 with a Lancashire County Major Scholarship and a Lord Kitchener National Memorial Scholarship, and in 1940 became Jenner Exhibitioner of his College. After obtaining his B.M., B.Ch., degrees in 1944 he was appointed Demonstrator and Lecturer in Human Anatomy at Oxford, combining this with Lecturer in Anatomy at the Ruskin School of Drawing and Fine Art. He became Derby Professor of Anatomy at Liverpool in 1950, one of the youngest members of the Senate ever to be appointed.

Harrison was a man with a great variety of interests, ranging from anatomy and embryology on the one hand to art and egyptology on the other. In 1972 he was Visiting Professor of Egyptology at Cairo University and his television films – "Tutankhamun Post-mortem", 1969, and "Tutankhamun Kinship", 1973 – introduced him to a wide public. The publicity engendered by his exhumation of the mummified Tutankhamun should not, however, obscure his more solid achievements.

He took over, as a very young man, a Department of Anatomy where teaching was predominant, and galvanized it into one in which a balance between teaching and research developed. Young men and women were encouraged to pursue these two complementary strands necessary for the fulfilment of a university department. This transformation, as well as the development of embryology, was his real contribution to the university and to the science of anatomy.

Outside his work Harrison had a leading part in national and local activities. He held external examinerships at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, and several universities in Britain and abroad. He was President of the Liverpool Rotary Club in 1971, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Liverpool College of Occupational Therapy in 1968, and President of the Institute of Science Technology from 1972-1976.

He married twice – by his first marriage there were two sons and a daughter, by his second marriage – to Dr. M. J. Hoey of Southport, Lancashire, – there was one daughter.

DR ROBERT WELTSCH

Dr Robert Weltsch, who died on December 22 in Jerusalem, aged 91, was the London correspondent of the liberal Hebrew daily *Ha'aretz*, for over thirty years. An officer in the Austrian Army in the First World War, he wore British uniform as an official reporter at the Nuremberg Trials after the Second World War. A typical product of the Habsburg Empire (the break-up of which he ironically continued to lament), he was born in Prague where he studied law and obtained his doctorate in 1914.

He was a journalist of the old school, learned and scholarly, and worked in Vienna and in Berlin, where he became editor-in-chief of the Zionist *Jüdische Rundschau*, campaigning for Jewish rights under Nazi rule until the paper was banned in 1938. He stood for a humanistic, liberal Zionism, and for Arab-Jewish understanding.

In 1955 he founded together with Martin Buber and others the Leo Baeck Institute for the study of the history of Central European Jewry, and was the London chairman until his retirement in 1978. Prolific author and journalist, as he was, his shrewd articles on current affairs were still appearing in the international press up to a few weeks before his death.

Michael Ratcliffe finds Berlin in a turmoil of self-discovery

Tracking down a city's emotions

Berlin is built upon sand, a fact not unnoticed by poets and historians which has led to a passion for transience and a narcissism bordering that of Manhattan. When I first visited West Berlin 17 years ago, the outsider had to discover almost everything for himself: contemporary American civilization was admired, and the past was the past. Today, there is scarcely an aspect of Berlin social history which goes unexamined and new books appear every month. Great, one frequently feels like saying, but what took you so long?

In a city which devotes a permanent museum to the history of the visiting card, almost anything may be explored in terms of an *Ausstellung*, and an exhibition means a catalogue, possibly also a book, a movie, a record and if necessary, a campaign. The latest object of this determined self-assessment has been honoured with all of these. It is the huge urban railway system which radiates out 30 miles to the woods and lakes of Brandenburg, binds both halves of the city in two rings, and is administered from East Berlin: the S-Bahn. For years close to exhaustion, it now faces the possibility of extinction in the West and, having for two decades made it a point of honour to use the S-Bahn as little as possible, West Berliners, or some them, are fighting to have the western half of the system transferred to the ownership of West Berlin.

This is much more than a matter of vandalized stations and rolling stock 50 years old. After the Wall itself, the S-Bahn is the most evident symbol of division for it belongs, like the uncontrolled pollution from the East and the hourly weather forecast, to the whole of Berlin: At all points where it would enter or leave the West, save the crossing at Friedrichstrasse, it is clipped by the Wall, ending in scattered sleepers, birch saplings and the ubiquitous, drifting sand. Whether you regard it as an environmental eyesore, a political outrage or a poignant vessel of past lives – and it is all three – the S-Bahn is a peculiarly emotional subject which has attracted writers and painters from Menzel and Fontane to Uwe Johnson, Christa Wolf and Günter Grass (*Gleisdreieck*). It presents a double image of indestructibility and disconnexion to which the present occasions do moving and honourable justice.

A large, slightly scruffy but immensely likable exhibition – *Die Berliner S-Bahn* – runs at the Künstlerhaus Bethanien in Kreuzberg until the middle of the week (the superb and far from scruffy catalogue, in which the forthcoming Museum of Transport and Technology has had a hand, costs DM32) and a 75-minute film by Alfred Behrens – *Berliner Stadtbahnbilder* – recently played at the small Steinplatz cinema near the Zoo. They are opposites: Behrens is a master of aching regret; exhibition and catalogue present the more positive "social history of an industrial transport system", which means that they are full of people on the move, having a great time. They also make a spirited case for the West Berlin purchase and have assembled a surprisingly good collection of earlier twentieth-century and contemporary paintings and prints inspired by the very distinctive spaces – deep stairways, glass panes and long platforms – within which the S-Bahn has held so many human figures on the way from one place to the next.

Behrens subtitles his film "Description of an abandoned industrial landscape", but the effect is of elegy rather than description as a highly selective sequence of sights and sounds evokes old journeys undertaken and vital appointments kept: pale golden varnish in near-empty carriages, signal boxes furnished with porcelain insulators and white enamelled names, like the bells in a butler's pantry; stations like hunting lodges (Nikolassee) or operetta pavilions (Lindenthalerallee, fittingly built by a team called Lesser and Hart); the tower and casino of Frohnau; the botanical near-wilderness of Gesundbrunnen, the Willesden Junction of North Berlin. Behrens has captured the chill of deserted winter tracks and the heavy, still air surrounding the stations each summer, and he records more thoroughly than anyone before him the unmistakable S-Bahn sound: a snore gathering speed, sent on its way by a whistle, a witching hiss and the firm thwack of arthritic doors.

Nostalgia as committed as this expects only the worst of today and tomorrow, and the end of the world is indeed sniffed even more ominously than usual in the Berlin air. For this was the autumn of the *Zeitgeist* exhibition, on whose often apocalyptic paintings, conceived in the assumption of approaching nuclear war for a museum facing the Wall and the site of Gestapo HQ, John Russell Taylor reported in October. *Zeitgeist* is spectacular and even exhilarating and remains the best reason for visiting Berlin at this particular season; it has one more week to run.

Until the opening of the Schaubühne's extraordinary *Hamlet*, on which I hope to write in a second article, neither theatre nor opera aspired to compete. Unlike the RSC, the Schaubühne failed to make a case for Ostrovsky's *Forest*; the Schiller drew poor notices for Caryl Churchill's *Cloud Nine* and fell on its face with a glum and ill-performed modernization of Klinger's rare, original *Sturm und Drang* (1776). By Goethe himself they do better: both *Iphigenia auf Tauris* and *Stella* are projected with clarity, tension and wit.

News of the Deutsche Oper in West Berlin reaches the outside world on spectacular occasions only – a terrific *Macbeth*, a notorious *Merry Widow*, a *Frau ohne Schatten* with Nilsson, Rysanek and Fischer-Dieskau, and now, as reported on this page last week, with a smash-hit *Fanciulla del West*. In between, the international casting is drab by the expectations of London, Paris, San Francisco or New York, and the quality of repertory revival and dramatic imagination far below that enjoyed in Cardiff and St Martin's Lane. Nobody ever believes this who has not spent a few weeks in the city, but it is true.

The opera company's greatest cross is its building, which came of age this year, fills a whole block, and takes five minutes to walk round. A mournful attempt to combine the reviving metropolitan assumptions of the late 1950s with the moral austerity of the Bauhaus, the auditorium is enormous, elephant grey and walnut brown, a terrible great hole for a singer to fill. That, above all, a small house was required is clear from the current revivals of *Wildschütz*, *Hänsel und Gretel* and Gluck's *Orfeo*.

New this year and inflated to fill the house, the latter was so underrehearsed for its first revival with a new cast that, when the scenery actually started to fall apart and roll towards the orchestra, the curtain was brought down.

The Deutsche Oper receives DM60m – more than £12m – a year, and, although this sum also supports a full-scale classical dance company, it is hard not to feel that Berlin has got better value for the £1.2m recently spent on a large and rather stunning Gainsborough from Paris: *The Marsham Children* (1787) has now joined the (to my taste, even finer) late portrait of Mrs Robert Hingeston and a delicious new Raeburn – *Mrs Anne Hart* (1810) – in the English room at Dahlem.

As to the Berlin ballet, it is pitifully underused and could hardly be judged from its showing at the première of *Tuturguri*, a near-danceless extravaganza by Moses Pendleton after Mexican folk-rites and a poem by Antonin Artaud: the glorious opportunities offered and taken by the dancers of the Hamburg State Opera Ballet in John Neumeier's *Matthew Passion*, which visited Berlin in November, made a melancholy contrast. What a company!

Wildschütz, *Hänsel* and *Orfeo* would each have sounded better in the more intimate historic houses of the East: the beautiful Staatsoper on Unter den Linden, and the Komische Oper, formerly saucy Metropole, a few blocks away, both designed to encourage and generate pleasure in every line and curve. The Staatsoper even succeeded in giving pleasure in Friedrich Cerha's *Baal*, a co-production with the Vienna State Opera given at Salzburg last year and therefore unusually well run in by the time it reached Berlin.

Cerha is the man who "finished" the third act of *Lulu* and much of Berg's theatrical intensity and long-breathed musical idiom has gone into *Baal*. Otto Schenk's meticulous production (decor, Rolf Langenfass) was reproduced by Helga Schlusche and succeeded, as Cerha himself has done, in both refining and focusing the poetry of Brecht's blowsy original. Theo Adam carried off the central role in firm voice and without embarrassment, and Magdalena Falewicz (Sophie) has lost none of the lyric pathos memorable in her *Butterfly* for Welsh National Opera.

That outstanding *Butterfly* began life at the Komische Oper, where it remains in the repertory, and there is something about East German supra-realism, which tangles with Verdi at his and its peril, that suits *verismo* marvellously well and seems to give Puccini, in particular, the courage of his convictions. I remember an heroic and very funny *Gianni Schicchi* ten years ago, and the big success this season, attracting the curious through Checkpoint Charlie, is Harry Kupfer's new staging of *Bohème*. Except for a Mimi of eloquence, dignity and strength (Roberta Alexander) I thought it poorly sung by the second cast, but dramatically as sharp as a steel engraving of the pitiless urban world in which Murger's bohemians pursued their *vie charmante, vie terrible*.



Nikolassee: the local S-Bahn station as a hunting lodge; and second-class travel in 1938 when the S-Bahn was recommended "for work and leisure"

Television

Dramatic drift

It may have been the fact that the interview had to be conducted in French that persuaded The South Bank Show (London Weekend) to think of interspersing it with dramatizations of some of the events in Simone de Beauvoir's life. If it seemed a bright idea at the time, it was not in the event.

Yesterday was her seventy-fifth birthday and it was this that led her to agree to the interview with Melvyn Bragg. She told us of her childhood (happy) and adolescence (sad), of her rebellion against religion and the petit bourgeoisie, her meeting with Sartre at the Sorbonne where both studied. He came out top to her second. Their relationship, she said, rested on the principle that each would always be the most important person for the other. This did not mean that they could not, did not, have affairs – "contingent loves" she called them – but the principle, a kind of fidelity, had lasted to the end.

It was all good interesting stuff with Anna Massey providing the English voice, but those dramatizations got in the way. She told Mr Bragg that, in the Thirties, neither she nor Sartre had got involved in politics. Considering the events of this period, I thought this remarkable and waited for Mr Bragg to ask why. He did not, or it was lost on the cutting room floor.

She was allowed to be forthcoming on postwar France, the emergence of Sartre as a focal point of the left wing, the establishment of *Les Temps modernes* – this broke off for a somewhat pointless dramatization – and the effects of the Indo-Chinese and Algerian campaigns and the 1968 student troubles. Now things were more dangerous than ever because of nuclear weapons. It was time, she thought, for Europe to play the pacifist card. The task of the intellectual, she said, remained as ever: to seek out the truth and preserve it and to aim at clarity in expression.

This programme started the new *South Bank* season and, to mark the occasion, those brilliant credit titles by Pat Gavin, always worth watching even if one does not intend to view further, have been altered. They too, I thought, might well have been left alone.

The Law Machine, a 10-part series presented by Marcel Berlins, began on LWT yesterday, unfortunately at an hour when only the fasting or the household were likely to be watching. Produced by Julian Norridge, this half-hour programme should be a must for all who think that the idea that British justice is second to none is due for re-examination. Mr Berlins appears to be among this group. The title for his first programme was *Justice for All?*

Actors were used to represent two members of the public getting embroiled with the law – we shall follow them through – but the lawyers were real. Mr Berlins's commentary was packed with information, some of it alarming. He demonstrated, for instance, that the granting of legal aid rested much on the whims of justices' clerks, which led to great disparity.

Residents of Hampstead – who, one might have thought, had sufficient of life's good things – were more than eight times likely than residents of adjacent Highgate, for example, to get legal aid. Public expenditure cuts, said Mr Berlins, also affected the amount of legal aid granted, so that it might seem that justice depended on the state of the economy. A very timely programme this, explicit, pacey and making good value of every minute. The dramatizations did not get in the way, either.

On BBC1, Ralf Dahrendorf closed his five-part series **Dahrendorf on Britain** with a look at our future. It appears that the old adage "God helps those who help themselves" will be entirely appropriate.

We all, he said, had to adapt – "adjustment" was the word – to look to multi-industry communities where work would be built around individuals. The future of work could only be found in activity, he said, with people doing the things they liked doing and which had meaning for them. We were shown examples of these but I suspect they took some finding. I have liked Dr Dahrendorf's series on the whole, but it has left me my gloom.

Dennis Hackett

Opera

Sleeping spirits

Romeo and Juliet

Coliseum

Something may be felt to be wrong in the opera house when one hears more of snorers among the audience than of singers from the stage. On Saturday night it was Gounod's *Romeo and Juliet* that lulled the sleepers, and not surprisingly, given the wooden and implausible staging devised by Colin Graham for this ENO production of last year, a production which faithfully reproduces the most tepid tights-and-tabards Shakespeare style of the 1950s.

One might suppose that Gounod's opera deserves no better, but in that case perhaps it deserves very much worse. Only occasionally does the Graham version become so crazy as to be funny: more such moments could have given the evening some zest, and distracted attention from Gounod's way of relapsing immediately into comfortable mediocrity after every arresting or touching passage, as if to reassure his audience that all is well, or moderately so, that after all this is only Gounod.

Of course the main motive for this production was the attraction of Valerie Masterson to sing Juliet, and she returns as very much the star of the revival. She manages in every breath to sound virginal and vulnerable, but not at all sickly; her technique is too brilliant for that. Phrases glide through her voice as through fresh spring air, unabashed by any awkwardness in the wording, and her particular blend of delicacy and bravura is altogether a pleasure. Perhaps the tone and feeling are kept too much at the same level of pathos, but in truth Gounod's Juliet is not a character notable for development.

Her Romeo is John Treleaven, who is not in the same good shape. Many of the smaller parts, though, are admirably done. William Shimell sings and acts Mercutio with dashing confidence and authority; the only other people to look as right are Juliet's girlish attendants and Sally Burgess as Romeo's page, with a song that suits her flair of manner and voice. Richard Van Allan is a calm and sensitve Friar Laurence, and the Nurse is now the cuddly Anne-Marie Owens. Other roles are distributed as before, so that Geoffrey Chard returns as a decisive Old Capulet, as does Louis Frémaux in the pit, making the most of what substance the orchestral score contains.

Paul Griffiths

Zoë Dominic

Magnificent Teazle: Donald Sinden

Theatre

Laughter against deliberation

The School for Scandal

Haymarket

Forgetting the little matters of casting, direction and decor, it is a pleasure to be seeing this comedy again in its ideal setting. If there is such a thing as *the* Haymarket play, this is it; with the exception of the *Midsummer Night's Dream* mechanicals, there are no surer comic scenes in the national repertory than those at Sheridan's scandalous academy or at the unmasking of Joseph Surface, and it would take a company assembled from the Stranglers and the Sex Pistols to spoil them at this address.

The cast list for John Barton's production offers a lustrous roll-call of West End names, and Christopher Morley's designs supply a handsome compromise between Stratford severities and commercial display. You get the drift at the end of Dulcie Gray's prologue, when a dresser comes on to strip off her mob cap, leaving her briefly bald as a coot before going into cascading auburn locks as Lady Sneerwell.

The sets are based on the eighteenth-century shutter system, but elaborated into gilded transparent panels that close in or open up like the aperture of a camera lens. There is not a stick of needless furniture, but the impression is unfailingly grand (most of all in the ruins of Charles's bottle-strewn establishment).

However, I have seen more enjoyable productions of the play. At present it is coming across as a piece of slow practice. All kinds of intelligent and comically promising details have been introduced to enlarge and articulate the dialogue, but they are apt to smother laughter with measured deliberation.

Also, with the exception of Donald Sinden's magnificent Sir Peter Teazle, the casting seems weighted in favour of the smaller parts. Michael Siberry's Charles, a genuinely raffish playboy with no promise of reform, is the best of them. But Christopher Godwin's Joseph lacks both villainy and subterfuge; surface is precisely what this transparent hypocrite fails to convey.

You look equally in vain for charm in Judy Buxton's Lady Teazle, who emerges as a fledgling Fenella Fielding, looking around for approval when she gets in grown-up company, and vanishing as a character once she admits the call of marital duty in the screen scene.

As a result, we see the comedy entirely from Sir Peter's viewpoint. Admittedly, it would take an actress of some firepower to challenge Sinden's uxorious miseries. He plays Sir Peter in a vein of long pent-up virility, torn in two by a sexual love and the marital cruelties that others discover at half his age.

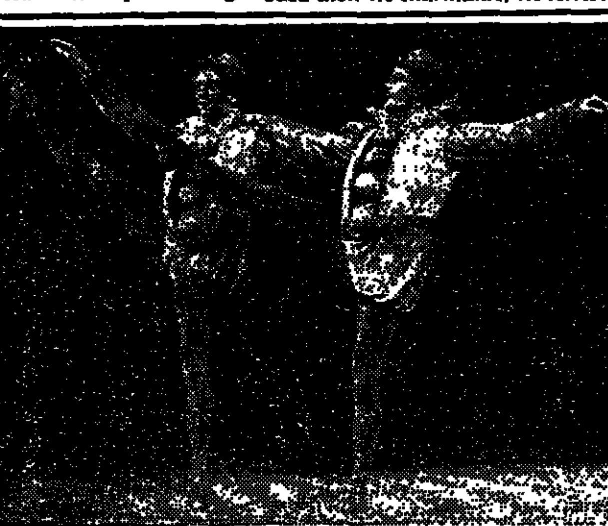
Wonderful detail elaborates these two ruling obsessions. Reminding Lady Teazle of her life before marriage he starts describing their first meeting, and a lecture on poverty turns into a love speech as his memory takes fire. Also, he executes tremendous emotional transitions during pauses.

At the sight of the eavesdropper in the screen his face changes to thunder and then works through to volcanic laughter. He takes his duties as a guardian very seriously, serving Petronilla Whitfield's Maria with a carefully measured half glass of wine. And, at the concluding nuptuals, he expresses the hope that the new couples will be as happy as he and Lady T – allowing a gale of laughter to rock the house – before adding "hope to be".

Bill Fraser and Michael Denison are underemployed as Rowley and a friskily creaking Sir Oliver.

The other main treat of the evening comes in the scandal scenes, which develop into a superb duel between Sebastian Shaw's indefatigably palsied Crabtree and Beryl Reid's Mrs Candour, a tottering drunk with rosebud lips, phrasing her mock-benevolent lines with alcoholic emphases that bring out their full malice. She is last seen roaming the empty stage for scandalous evidence as if she has lost her favourite cat; and, at the mention of a duel wound, she is across the set like a bullet.

Irving Wardle


Pea-pods: Iain Webb (left), Nicholas Ringham

Dance

Vegetable salad

Pas de légumes

Sadler's Wells

Frederick Ashton's *Pas de légumes* began life as an episode in a film, *Stories from a Flying Trunk*, that appeared, and almost immediately vanished, in 1979. The movie was based, rather freely, on tales by Hans Andersen, and I cannot remember how it managed to bring in a plot of vegetables trying to save Covent Garden market from closure. I do recall animated sequences before the dancers appeared, and some trick effects which obviously cannot be reproduced on stage.

The most spectacular was a transformation of the leading man's costume whereby Graham Fletcher leapt into the air as plain Spud Murphy, whirled round and landed again as Prince Potato Crisp. The revival of the ballet at Sadler's Wells on Friday offered a change less flashy but no less impressive, when the illness of one colleague and the injury of another necessitated Grahame Lustig's learning that role at only a few hours' notice, dancing that night, then starting over again the next morning with a different partner for Saturday's *matinée*.

The stage version, first seen at a gala last year and now taken into the repertory of Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, is simply a sequence of dances performed in amusing costumes by Rostislav Doboujinsky, to music by Rossini arranged by John Darby.

There are some attractively comic entries for men: *alla Turca* for two tomatoes (Stephen Wicks and Derek Purnell), and a number full of music-hall swagger for two pea-pods (Iain Webb and Nicholas Ringham). Among the women, broccoli proves attractively pert, celery is tasty, but Karen Donovan's red cabbage really danced away with the richest flavour.

Lustig danced so well that nobody would have guessed him to be a last-minute substitute. I thought Nicola Katrak the more successful of his two partners; her feet are neater than Marion Tait's, her arms more languorous, her eyes sparkle more brightly. There is also a likable secondary duet, stately in high heels, for artichokes, nicely done by Michael O'Hare with Katrak or Gillian Maclaurin.

Altogether, this is a pleasant trifle, which audiences will enjoy; and it seems churlish to mention that the Royal Ballet seems to be in danger of preserving all Ashton's little treasures but losing several of his greatest works. A similar comment could be made apropos the other revival on this programme, Massine's *La Boutique fantasque*, except that I have to add the *Boutique* needs a lot of burnishing before it is bright enough to justify its place in the programmes.

Alain Dubreuil's rubber-legged can-can dancer had a flair most of the other dancers lacked. Lustig and David Bintley, as dandy and shoe-shine man, also showed spirit, and Leanne Benjamin's vivacity as the little American girl was all the funnier because her blonde wig made her a dead ringer for Makarova.

John Percival

Concerts

PLG Young Artists

Purcell Room

Once more, it was the early piano recital on the final evening of this year's Park Lane Group Young Artists series which made the most impressive listening. The Yugoslav pianist Marina Milic, 20 years old, not only had the courage to tackle Rachmaninov and Scriabin but had the technique to do so with facility despite her tiny hands, and the insight to see the poetry through the clutter of virtuosity.

Scriabin's Fourth Sonata was alive with dazzling colours, yet with an epic sense of the mysterious, and in Rachmaninov's Op 23 Preludes there was all the power and agility one could have wished for, with fortissimos full of warmth and never hard or impersonal. Miss Milic evoked a marvellous sense of stillness in the opening of the fourth prelude, and after the terrifying torrents of Nos 7, 8 and 9 she closed this remarkable cycle with a beautifully matter-of-fact cadence to No 10.

Later the viola player Patricia Pollett gave sonatas by Shostakovich and the week's featured composer, Priaulx Rainier, with a rich sound allied to mature insight. The Shostakovich, his last work, is a spare piece approaching a Mahlerian ethereality in its finale, which is permeated by references to Beethoven's C sharp minor Piano Sonata, while the Rainier has something more to it than the workmanlike honesty on its surface. Jonathan Higgins accompanied with unfailing sensitivity.

The Janacek Ensemble made a less happy choice of music. Roberto Gerhard's early Wind Quintet (1928) fell too easily into meaningless rhetoric, and Simon Parkin's *Septed* for piano and wind sextet, heard here for the first time, was emotionally and intellectually empty, though skilfully written. Fortunately, they finished the series with music which did justice to their undoubted talents, Janacek's *Mladi*, an apposite end to this week of riches.

Stephen Pettitt

Salomon Quartet

Wigmore Hall

This quartet, which plays classical music on period instruments, is the most exciting and important ensemble to have appeared in this crowded field for some time. All the players are expreienced in the hurly-burly of the London freelance scene; but now they have transferred the insights gained there, with infinitely more subtlety and thoughtfulness, to the deep peace of the classical quartet masterpiece. If a trace of record-session smoothness survives in their performances that will surely disappear if they are given the support to deepen their understanding and take more risks in their playing.

In Friday's programme of Haydn, Mozart and Pleyel, Mozart's "Dissonance" Quartet stood out as a revelation: unquestionably great music transformed by the careful application of playing techniques which (and this is a crucial point) always respected the listener's ear.

I wish I could describe every detail of the slow movement, from the way the opening chords were lifted in gentle vibrato-less unanimity to the way in which Jennifer Ward Clarke mumured those aching, repeated semiquavers in the cello while the upper three players placed imitative entries – now intensified and warmed with vibrato – above her line. The famous dissonant opening was glassy, crystal clear.

The inner players, Micaela Comberti and Trevor Jones, were always coolly reliable; the leader, Simon Standage, took most of Haydn's Op 20 No 5 Quartet to warm up: they should surely have started with Pleyel, whose cruder humour was effective but anticlimactic in the second half. And the Haydn's fierce, intense double fugue merely amiably chattered, under-projected. The final Haydn quartet was much more impressive: the angular leaps of Op 71 No 2's opening *Allegro* were negotiated with agile strength, and in the finale Standage's brilliant technique flowered into virtuosity.

Nicholas Kenyon

Stock Exchange Prices

Capitalization and week's change

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§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red Yield
SHORTS					
1000m	Exch 3% 1983	99¼	+1/16	3.026	10.413
1550m	Treas 12% 1983	100⅛	-⅛	11.964	11.162
800m	Treas 9½% 1983	99¼	-⅛	9.297	10.364
800m	Exch 13½% 1983	102¾	-1/16	13.163	10.286
900m	Exch 10% 1983	99¾	-1/16	10.025	10.274
500m	Fund 5½% 1982-84	96⅞	•-⅛	5.677	8.778
1100m	Exch 11½% 1984	100¾	-⅛	11.180	10.571
1100m	Exch 14% 1984	103¾	-⅛	13.478	10.849
1250m	Exch 3% 1984	93⅝	+⅛	3.204	7.768
1050m	Treas 12% 1984	101½	-⅛	11.807	10.689
1800m	Treas 15% 1985	106¾	-⅛	14.050	11.263
1000m	Exch Cv 12% 1985	104½	-3/16	11.486	9.664
1250m	Treas 3% 1985	90	+⅛	3.333	7.717
1200m	Treas 11½% 1985	101¼	•-⅛	11.358	10.925
1300m	Exch 12¾% 1985	102⅞	-⅛	11.965	11.236
1150m	Exch 11¾% 1986	101⅝	-⅛	11.590	11.178
500m	Treas 3% 1986	87½	..	3.429	7.266
1150m	Treas 12% 1986	102⅞	-⅛	11.721	11.132
600m	Treas 8¼% 1984-86	97	-⅛	8.763	9.532
750m	Treas C 12¾% 1986	107½	• ..	11.399	9.679
1000m	Exch 14% 1986	108⅛	-1⅛	12.946	11.298
1250m	Exch 13¾% 1987	106⅜	•-1	12.435	11.238
800m	Exch 10½% 1987	98⅝	-1⅛	10.647	10.893
559m	Fund 6½% 1985-87	93	+⅛	6.988	8.474
500m	Treas 3% 1987	84⅝	•+⅛	3.545	7.042
MEDIUMS					
1960m	Treas 12% 1987	102⅞	-1	11.664	11.196
500m	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	91¾	•-1	8.408	9.733
1250m	Exch 10½% 1988	97½	-1⅛	10.977	11.608
730m	Treas IL 2% 1988	104⅛	+⅛	..	2.198
1052m	Trans 3% 1978-88	78⅛	-⅛	3.838	8.009
2250m	Treas 11½% 1989	102⅜	-1⅛	11.699	11.888
601m	Treas 5% 1986-89	81⅛	-1⅛	6.209	8.898
950m	Treas 13% 1990	106⅞	•-1⅛	12.261	11.726
1000m	Exch 12½% 1990	106⅛	-1⅛	12.125	11.856
600m	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	89	-1⅛	9.337	10.341
2000m	Treas 11¾% 1991	99⅞	-1⅛	11.766	11.785
400m	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	81⅛	-1	7.164	9.262
1000m	Exch 11% 1991	99	-1⅛	11.380	11.614
850m	Treas 12¾% 1992	105⅛	•-1⅛	12.056	11.708
600m	Treas 10% 1992	96⅛	-1⅛	10.771	11.268
1250m	Exch 12¼% 1992	107	-1½	11.969	11.926
1000m	Exch 13½% 1992	113⅛	-1½	12.369	11.884
1100m	Treas 12½% 1993	104⅛	•-1½	11.921	11.694
600m	Fund 6% 1993	78⅛	-1½	7.672	9.615
1250m	Treas 13¾% 1993	113⅛	-1½	12.288	11.777
600m	Treas 14½% 1994	122	-1½	12.422	11.764
1100m	Exch 13½% 1994	112⅛	-1½	12.266	11.854
1550m	Exch 12½% 1994	109⅛	-1½	11.974	11.787
900m	Treas 9% 1994	90⅛	-1½	10.082	10.612
1800m	Treas 12% 1995	101⅛	•-1½	11.740	11.664
214m	Gas 3% 1990-95	63⅛	-⅛	4.759	7.705
800m	Exch 10¼% 1995	92⅛	• ..	11.059	11.372
1000m	Treas 12¾% 1995	109⅛	-1½	11.533	11.576
800m	Treas 14% 1996	114⅛	•-1½	12.145	11.690
600m	Treas 9% 1992-96	91⅛	-1⅛	10.201	10.691
1350m	Treas 15¼% 1996	126⅛	-1½	12.347	11.733
1500m	Exch 13¼% 1996	114	-1½	11.839	11.481
1000m	Treas IL 2% 1996	109⅛	+2	..	2.615
41m	Rdmptn 3% 1986-96	60⅛	-⅛	5.016	7.822
LONGS					
1500m	Treas 13¼% 1997	111⅝	•-1½	11.532	11.307
1000m	Exch 10½% 1997	98⅛	-1⅛	11.050	11.238
800m	Treas 8¾% 1997	85⅛	-1⅛	10.235	10.747
1000m	Exch 15% 1997	125¼	-1½	12.280	11.801
1000m	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	73⅛	-1⅛	9.319	10.383
1100m	Treas 15½% 1998	131½	-1½	12.193	11.658
2500m	Exch 12% 1998	106	-1½	11.507	11.405
600m	Treas 9½% 1999	90⅛	•-1½	10.469	10.730
2900m	Exch 12¼% 1999	109⅛	-1½	11.541	11.408
800m	Treas 10½% 1999	96⅛	-1½	11.039	11.163
1050m	Treas 13% 2000	111⅛	•-1⅛	11.658	11.474
1350m	Treas 14% 1998-01	119	-1½	11.955	11.598
250m	Treas IL 2½% 2001	101½	+2⅛	..	2.561
1550m	Exch 12% 1999-02	104½	•-1⅛	11.445	11.340
1800m	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	116⅛	•-1⅛	11.772	11.509
250m	Treas IL 2½% 2003	99⅛	+2⅛	..	2.613
800m	Treas 11½% 2001-04	106½	-1⅛	11.177	11.126
443m	Fund 3½% 1999-04	45⅞	•-⅛	7.624	9.410
2050m	Treas 12½% 2003-05	111⅞	-1½	11.360	11.247
1000m	Treas IL 2% 2006	104	•+2	..	2.506
600m	Treas 8% 2002-06	81⅛	-1⅛	10.063	10.353
2500m	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	104½	-1½	11.209	11.150
1250m	Treas 13½% 2004-08	121½	-1½	11.484	11.307
400m	Treas IL 2½% 2009	100	+2	..	2.571
750m	Treas IL 2½% 2011	107	+2	..	2.515
1000m	Treas 5½% 2008-12	59⅛	-1⅛	9.519	9.952
600m	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	76⅛	•-1⅛	10.137	10.274
1000m	Exch 12% 2013-17	111½	-1½	10.857	10.813
381m	Consols 4%	37	• ..	10.949	..
1909m	War Ln 3½%	33½	-⅛	10.649	..
216m	Conv 3½%	39	-⅛	9.265	..
58m	Treas 3%	30⅛	-⅛	10.232	..
273m	Consols 2½%	24⅛	-⅛	10.272	..
476m	Treas 2½% Aft 75	24⅛	-⅛	10.559	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red Yield
10m	Aust 6% 81-83	97	-⅛	6.221	10.356
100m	Aust 13½% 2010	107	-⅛	12.487	12.530
8m	E Africa 5¾% 77-83	97½	+⅛	5.915	12.801
—	Hungary 4½% 1924	26	..	..	..
—	Ireland 7½% 81-83	98	+⅛	..	..
—	Japan Ass 4% 1910	282	+27	..	..
—	Japan 6% 83-88	89	+6	..	..
100m	N Z 14½% 1987	107¼	-⅛	13.270	12.097
14m	N Z 7½% 88-92	77½	-1	9.355	11.198
12m	N Z 7½% 83-86	89½	..	8.416	11.451
—	Peru 6% Ass	160	..	..	..
20m	S Rhd 2½% 65-70	163	..	..	..
8m	S Rhd 4½% 87-92	104	..	..	..
—	Spanish 4%	40	..	..	..
—	Uruguay 3½%	95	..	..	..
—	Zimbabwe Ann 81-88	385	-6	..	16.647

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red Yield
26m	L C C 3% 1920	25⅛	-⅛	11.958	..
25m	L C C 5% 80-83	98	..	5.098	13.601
30m	L C C 5½% 82-84	92⅛	•-⅛	5.933	10.824
25m	L C C 5½% 85-87	82	..	6.704	10.726
25m	L C C 6¾% 88-90	78	•-⅛	8.651	11.168
40m	G L C 6¾% 90-92	75⅛	-⅛	9.292	11.428
100m	G L C 12½% 1983	100⅛	..	12.380	10.965
17m	Ag Mt 7¾% 81-84	93½	+⅛	8.231	12.153
20m	Ag Mt 7½% 91-93	74⅛	..	10.696	12.511
12m	Ag Mt 6½% 85-90	71½	-⅛	9.537	13.060
27m	Met Water B 34-03	35⅛	-⅛	8.769	11.360
20m	N I 7% 82-84	93⅛	-⅛	7.461	12.171
8m	N I Elec 6½% 81-83	99⅛	-⅛	6.546	12.015
10m	Swark 6½% 83-86	86⅛	-⅛	7.768	11.063

DOLLAR STOCKS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
303.1m	Brascan	£11½	+1⅜	82.8	7.2	22.2
—	BP Canada	£22⅝	+1½	..	..	..
370.5m	Can Pac Ord	£18⅛	•+1⅛	70.2	3.7	5.7
372.1m	El Paso	£14⅛	-⅛	41.7	2.9	36.5
—	Exxon Corp	£19⅝	+⅝	..	..	..
154.0m	Fluor	£14½	+2⅛	49.6	3.4	9.3
—	Hollinger	£14	..	..	..	..
—	Husky Oil	475	+65	..	..	..
770.5m	INCO	£7⅞	+⅛	3.9	0.5	..
1530.7m	IU Int	£10⅞	+⅛	66.0	6.3	6.6
456.3m	Kaiser Alum	£10⅛	+1⅛	33.3	3.1	6.2
96.8m	Massey-Ferg	225	+35	..	..	..
1855.1m	Norton Simon	£15⅛	+⅛	62.7	4.1	10.6
—	Pan Canadian	£46	+4½	..	..	..
—	Steep Rock	266	+15	..	..	..
—	Trans Can P	£14	+⅛	..	..	..
—	US Steel	£13⅝	+⅛	..	..	..
419.7m	Zapata Corp	£11⅝	+1¼	52.2	4.6	..

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
134.1m	Allied Irish	100	+2	10.8	10.8	3.4
29.6m	Ansbacher H	12	..	0.5	4.2	..
409.8m	ANZ Grp	235	•+22	17.1	7.3	5.5
933.3m	Bank America	£12⅛	+⅛	81.1	6.3	7.5
116.6m	Bk of Ireland	258	+5	13.0	5.1	2.7
—	Bk Leumi Israel	2½	..	..	..	14.7
300.000	Bk Leumi UK	140	..	14.5	10.4	9.4
149.5m	Bk of Scotland	457	+3	30.0b	6.6	3.7
327.2m	Barclays Bank	390	-5	31.4b	8.1	3.8
28.2m	Brown Shipley	235	-6	10.0	4.3	13.6
24.1m	Cater Allen Hldgs	348	-10	33.0	9.5	..
131.0m	Charterhse Grp	79	+1	7.0	8.9	11.4
654.7m	Chase Man	£31⅝	+⅞	182	5.7	5.0
527.5m	Citicorp	£21⅛	+⅛	115	5.3	12.1
180.000	Clive Discount	39	+4	2.3	5.9	8.1
—	Commerzbank	£35⅞	+1⅛	..	..	..
58.0m	First Nat Fin	46⅛	+1⅛	..	..	3.5
52.6m	Gerrard & Nat	352	-2	23.9	6.8	12.3
51.6m	Grindlays Hldgs	152	-2	5.9	3.9	10.0
37.6m	Guinness Peat	56	+3	..	..	..
22.0m	Hambros	£11	..	75.4	6.9	9.9
121.1m	Do Ord	140	+19	7.5	5.4	12.6
127.9m	Hill Samuel	184	+7	11.9	6.4	7.9
980.7m	Hong K & Shang	76	+3	5.3b	7.0	5.8
41.0m	Jessel Toynbee	64	..	7.5b	11.7	..
73.000	Joseph L.	193	+10	14.9	7.7	9.2
10.2m	King & Shaxson	114	-2	9.3	8.1	9.9
47.4m	Kleinwort Ben	272	+2	14.3	5.3	6.8
660.4m	Lloyds Bank	400	-3	32.4	8.1	2.7
100.5m	Mercury Secs	233	..	11.0	4.7	7.9
606.9m	Midland	298	..	34.3	11.5	3.6
34.2m	Minster Assets	80	+½	6.4	8.0	7.9
137.0m	Nat of Aust	170	+13	13.7	8.0	4.2
73.3m	Nat W'minster	450	-3	37.4	8.3	2.5
32.2m	Ottoman	£64½	+1	400	6.2	12.6
17.8m	Rea Bros	66	..	1.8	2.7	20.4
62.8m	Royal of Can	£14⅛	-⅛	54.3	3.8	8.4
74.7m	Ryl Bk Scot Grp	122	..	9.6	7.8	4.4
73.5m	Schroders	470	+5	19.3	4.1	8.8
20.000	Seccombe Mar	220	..	23.6	10.7	8.6
06.000	Smith St Aubyn	38	-2	2.1	5.6	..
82.0m	Standard Chart	372	+13	35.2	9.5	3.6
57.3m	Union Discount	573	+10	40.0	7.0	14.1
13.2m	Wintrust	157	+2	5.1	3.2	13.3

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
93.3m	Allied-Lyons	139½	+4	8.1	5.8	11.2
74.9m	Bass	303	+3	14.4	4.8	11.9
01.4m	Bell A.	289	+20	7.9	2.7	12.8
96.8m	Boddingtons	218	+3	5.2	2.4	22.4
50.7m	Brown M.	248	+6	9.9	4.0	13.3
03.4m	Bulmer H.P.	£19⅛	•-⅛	23.6	2.4	18.2
17.9m	Devenish	487	+13	13.6	2.8	12.6
89.7m	Distillers	245	•-3	16.8	6.9	7.0
35.7m	Greenall	130	+8	5.3	4.1	12.5
61.6m	Greene King	246	..	5.1	2.1	23.4
32.2m	Guinness	109	+6	7.0	6.4	11.4
18.1m	Hardys & H'sons	454	..	18.6	4.1	17.6
58.1m	Highland	111	..	4.1	3.7	13.7
40.9m	Invergordon	208	..	5.7	2.7	14.5
35.8m	Irish Distillers	78	+3	6.0	7.7	8.2
38.3m	Marston	114	•+1	3.1	2.7	17.3
18.5m	Scot & Newcastle	77½	+½	6.3	8.1	11.1
98.8m	Seagram	£49½	+5½	84.7	1.7	9.1
59.6m	SA Breweries	316	+13	17.8	5.6	9.0
25.000	Tomatin	42	..	..	..	..
33.9m	Vaux	193	•+4	11.8	6.1	10.0
37.9m	Whitbread 'A'	159	+1	7.2	4.5	11.3
26.6m	Do B	160	..	7.2	4.5	11.4
31.6m	Whitbread Inv	162	+4	7.1	4.4	33.3
35.6m	Wolverhampton	296	+6	8.6	2.9	15.1

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
29.9m	AAH	104	-2	7.4	7.1	7.5
25.2m	AB Electronics	520	+40	10.7	3.1	25.5
26.0m	AE PLC	26½	..	2.0	7.5	4.6
72.8m	AGB Research	302	-2	8.6	2.8	32.2
975.000	AI Ind Prod	10	+1	0.0e	0.1	..
85.6m	APV Hldgs	276	+3	13.7	5.0	7.9
12.1m	Aaronson Bros.	44	+5	1.7	3.9	81.5
13.4m	Acrow 'A'	22	+3	0.5e	2.5	..
18.0m	Advance Serv	61	-1	4.7	7.7	29.2
39.8m	Advest Group	194	..	11.8	6.1	10.0
10.5m	Aeron't & Gen	270	..	5.0	1.9	28.7
10.7m	Air Call	280	-5	8.0	2.9	12.2
—	AKZO	910	+80	14.2e	1.6	..
1.263.000	Allied Plant	5½	..	..e	..	..
128.0m	Amersham Int	256	+11	5.4	2.1	20.6
81.0m	Anderson Strath	171	+2	8.6	5.0	10.1
15.2m	Anglia TV 'A'	116	+1	9.0	7.8	5.9
662.1m	Anglo Amer Ind	£14½	+½	85.3	5.9	8.5
5.448.000	Aquascutum 'A'	32½	+3	2.9	9.0	9.1
164.6m	Argyll Foods	120	-1	5.4b	4.5	16.6
16.0m	Ash & Lacy	386	..	22.9	5.9	9.7
18.7m	Ass Book	171	..	7.2	4.2	11.5
579.0m	Ass Brit Food	160	+2	6.3	3.9	6.8
11.2m	Ass Fisheries	64	-1	2.9	4.5	8.2
36.9m	Ass Leisure	133	+3	8.1	6.1	14.2
45.9m	Ass News	151	+13	14.9	9.8	5.6
8.747.000	Ass Paper	61	•-2	5.4	8.9	4.6
2.176.000	Atkins Bros	68	+5	7.1	10.5	7.1
8.147.000	Attwoods PLC	126	+8	5.0	4.0	22.7
1.167.000	Audiotronic	10	+2	..	..	..
6.483.000	Ault & Wiborg	33	+1	2.1	6.5	16.3
2.552.000	Aurora PLC	12	+1	..e	..	..
11.5m	Automotive Pd	21	..	2.1	10.2	..
6.836.000	Avon Rubber	103	+15	..	..	..
2.444.6m	B.A.T. Ind	672	+45	32.9b	4.9	6.7
14.4m	BBA Grp	25	..	2.5	10.0	13.4
267.5m	BET Dfd	177	+11	11.4	6.5	9.6
516.1m	BICC	273	+3	15.1	5.5	10.0
645.2m	BL PLC	19	+2	..	..	..
628.0m	BOC	191	-8	8.2	4.3	9.3
511.6m	BPB Ind	543	+12	15.0	2.8	14.6
107.2m	B P C C	90	+9	..e	..	..
1.120.000	BPM Hldgs 'A'	80	..	15.7	19.6	..
6.248.000	BSG Int	9½	-1	0.1	1.5	..
73.6m	BSR PLC	64	+9	..e	..	..
937.9m	BTR PLC	390	+12	13.2	3.4	16.8
121.6m	Babcock Int	112	+9	10.0	9.0	13.4
7.970.000	Bailey C H Ord	14½	+3½	..	..	58.0
44.4m	Baird W.	236	+6	18.5	7.8	8.9
29.9m	Baker Perkins	90	+4	7.3	8.1	..
3.089.000	Banro Ind	57	..	4.7	8.3	6.7
9.844.000	Barker & Dobson	8	+¼	..e	..	..
796.7m	Barlow Rand	553	+35	36.6	6.6	5.8
430.1m	Barratt Devs	484	+16	17.6b	3.6	12.4
5.891.000	Barrow Hepbn	23	..	3.1	13.7	6.4
6.692.000	Barton Grp PLC	26½	+1½	3.4b	12.9	7.4
22.2m	Bath & P'land	116	+2	7.1	6.2	11.5
1.580.7m	Bayer	£33	+3½	166	5.0	15.6
11.4m	Beatson Clark	202	..	12.1	6.0	7.0
1.527.000	Beauford Grp	47	-3	4.0	8.5	5.2
7.741.000	Beckman A	76	+1	8.2	10.8	8.9
2.329.6m	Beecham Grp	356	+16	12.0	3.4	19.8
156.3m	Bejam Grp	160	+4	3.9	2.5	27.0
15.1m	Bellway PLC	117	-1	10.0	8.5	7.4
16.2m	Bemrose Corp	141	-1	14.3b	10.1	6.5
1.918.000	Benlox Hldgs	41	+9	0.7	1.7	38.3
6.504.000	Benn Bros	97	+1	6.0	6.2	12.7
371.2m	Beresf'ds S & W.	194	-1	12.9	6.6	13.1
2.632.000	Berisfords	65	..	6.0	9.2	3.8
58.1m	Bestobell	361	+1	19.0	5.3	13.1
142.2m	Bibby J.	365	+15	8.5	2.3	14.8
7.506.000	Black & Edg'tn	40	..	..e	..	..
16.5m	Blackw'd Hodge	21¼	+2	1.8	8.4	..
8.519.000	Blagden Ind	80	+2	8.6	10.7	2.8
456.6m	Blue Circle Ind	458	+28	25.4	5.5	5.4
10.4m	Blundell Perm	134	+2	8.6	6.4	8.4
3.000.000	Bodycote	38	-4	4.3b	11.3	4.2
80.0m	Booker McCon	64	..	5.2	8.1	6.6
907.9m	Boots	250	-2	13.0	5.2	11.4
9.801.000	Borthwick T.	19	+3	..	..	..
2.064.000	Boulton W.	5	-½	0.1	2.8	..
273.1m	Bowater Corp	170	+16	16.4	9.7	6.4
110.9m	Bowthrpe Hldgs	250	+4	5.6	2.3	18.2
7.980.000	Braby Leslie	79	h +4	5.7b	7.2	13.0
3.389.000	Braithwaite	125	-3	13.0	10.4	4.3
1.876.000	Bremner	34	..	2.7	7.9	16.9
35.3m	Brent Chem Int	87	+1	3.3	3.8	15.8
3.290.000	Brent Walker	47	h ..	2.5	5.3	..
424.0m	Brit Aerospace	212	-1	11.5	5.4	6.8
38.4m	Brit Car Auctn	166	..	6.1	3.7	22.4
465.7m	Brit Home Strs	226	+4	6.8	3.0	17.2
2.534.000	Brit Syphon	25	..	1.4	5.7	..
38.2m	Brit Vita	141	+4	7.7	5.5	8.7
1.459.3m	Broken Hill	440	+62	22.1	5.0	7.1
1.654.000	Brook St Bur	16	..	0.1	0.9	..
196.1m	Brooke Bond	63	+2	5.6	8.9	13.8
381.000	Brooke Tool	8	..	..	..	..
1.625.000	Brotherhood P.	36	+4	..e	..	..
14.3m	Brown & Tawse	69	+2	5.0	7.2	6.9
22.5m	BBK (H)	41½	..	..	..	..
30.1m	Brown J.	23	+4	6.1	26.4	2.8
47.2m	Bryant Hldgs	59	s +7	2.9	4.8	7.0
39.4m	Bunzl	227	..	11.4	5.0	9.8
1.096.000	Burgess Prod	51	..	5.0	9.8	4.5
174.0m	Burnett H'shire	£9⅛	-⅛	22.1b	2.4	9.8
270.3m	Burton Grp	328	•+26	11.1	3.4	14.4
2.384.000	Butterfield-Harvy	16½	..	0.1e	0.8	..

C — E

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
939.5m	Cable & Wireless	348	+5	10.3	3.0	18.0
528.6m	Cadbury Sch	119	+2	6.7	5.6	11.1
3.952.000	Caffyns	122	•+8	6.4	5.3	..
1.035.000	C'bread R'by Ord	138	..	3.9	2.8	18.4
58.8m	Cambridge Elec	161	+9	6.1	3.8	12.4
49.2m	Can O'seas Pack	280	+20	9.4	3.3	6.2
6.348.000	Capper Neill	22	+2½	..e	..	..
338.000	Caravans Int	4	..	..e	..	..
1.839.000	Carclo Eng	46	+3	5.6	12.1	3.3
2.959.000	Carpets Int	12½	+1	..	..	..
48.2m	Carr J. (Don)	146	+14	2.7	1.9	18.6
17.2m	Carr'ton Viy	9½	h +1½	..e	..	..
5.244.000	Causton Sir J	33	-1	2.3	6.9	5.3
91.0m	Cement Rdstone	50½	+½	6.7	13.2	4.2
6.081.000	Cen & Sheer	9½	..	..	..	19.0
2.075.000	Centreway Ind	115	..	7.1	6.1	..
1.345.000	Ch'mbn & Hill	38	..	4.1	10.9	3.1
944.000	Change Wares	15	..	..	..	..
29.1m	Chloride Grp	23	+5	..e	..	..
17.1m	Do 7½% Cnv Pf	95	+14	..	..	..
23.8m	Christies Int	190	+2	10.0	5.3	19.0
74.6m	Chubb & Sons	123	+6	7.8	6.3	12.7
12.9m	Church & Co	245	+3	12.1	4.9	12.5
3.237.000	Cliffords Ord	185	..	7.6	4.1	10.1
12.4m	Do A NV	120	..	7.6	6.3	6.6
136.7m	Coalite Grp	159	+1	6.6	4.2	8.8
163.2m	Coats Patons	59	+2½	5.7	9.7	4.4
10.3m	Collins W.	251	-2	10.7	4.3	10.4
19.4m	Do A	201	-2	10.7	5.3	8.3
19.1m	Comben Grp	47	+1	3.6	7.7	6.8
15.5m	Comb Eng Strs	32	+1	4.5	14.1	..
40.3m	Comb Tech	65	-6	..	..	..
117.2m	Comet Grp	290	+20	6.3	2.2	18.1
4.284.000	Conder Int	52	..	5.7	11.0	5.3
51.2m	Cookson Grp	123	+1	13.8	11.2	8.9
22.7m	Cope Allman	57½	..	2.9	5.0	..
900.000	Copson F.	25	..	2.1b	8.6	6.6
13.4m	Cornell Dresses	233	+20	..	..	..
145.9m	Costain Grp	210	+18	16.4	7.8	5.7
210.4m	Courtaulds	77	+3	4.3	5.6	11.6
3.149.000	C'wan de Groot	23	..	2.9	12.4	..
47.1m	Crest Nicholson	114	+4	4.2	3.7	13.1
102.4m	Croda Int	97	+4	10.0b	10.3	11.3
5.912.000	Do Dfd	56	+2	..n	..	6.5
2.112.000	Cropper J.	132	..	4.3	3.3	7.5
9.726.000	Crouch D.	78	+2	..	..	7.3
3.680.000	Crouch Grp	92	..	6.9	7.5	7.6
15.1m	Crown House	67½	•-½	7.5	11.1	18.6
33.8m	Crystalate Hldgs	158	+1	3.5	2.2	19.4
1.636.000	Cum'ns En Cv	£109½	+3½	375	3.4	..
9.031.000	Dale Electric	68	+2	4.3	6.3	9.0
241.1m	Dalgety	312	+5	31.4	10.1	8.6
814.2m	Dana	£21⅛	+1⅛	79.8	3.6	11.9
4.539.000	Davies & New	80	..	4.3	5.4	..
13.1m	Davis G. (Hldgs)	87	+2	4.3	4.9	85.3
75.8m	Davy Corp	80	+8	10.5	13.2	4.1
139.0m	Debenhams	104	+2	9.1	8.7	18.3
207.4m	De La Rue	546	..	31.5	5.8	15.6
66.3m	Delta Grp	46½	+5	5.2	11.2	..
39.4m	Dewhirst I. J.	124	+1	1.6	1.3	23.0
859.000	Dewhurst Dent	8½	..	..	..	..
123.2m	Dixons Grp PLC	245	+5	5.4	2.2	12.6
76.0m	Dobson Park	92½	+12½	7.4	8.0	13.1
6.225.000	Dom Hldgs	83	..	6.1	7.4	19.1
13.5m	Dom Int Grp	87	+1	5.7	6.6	7.2
12.4m	Douglas R. M.	82	..	5.0	6.1	16.8
12.4m	Dow'd & Mills	44½	-½	2.7	6.0	13.0
285.1m	Dowty Grp	141	-7	5.3	3.8	10.5
14.3m	Drake & Scull	78½	-2	4.3	5.5	7.5
67.5m	Dunlop Hldgs	47	..	5.7	12.1	..
3.261.000	Duple Int	22	+1	0.1	0.5	..
165.7m	EBES	£18	..	335	18.6	..
2.452.000	E Lancs Paper	45	..	5.0	11.1	5.2
24.6m	E Mid A Press 'A'	105	+4	5.6	5.3	10.3
1.160.000	Ecobric Ord	100	..	15.0	15.0	12.8
12.5m	Eleco Hldgs	81	+4	5.0	6.2	8.9
21.4m	EIS	143	+5	6.4	4.5	9.0
219.1m	Electrocomps	215	+11	3.4	1.6	24.5
198.7m	Electrolux 'B'	£10¼	..	76.2	7.4	11.0
121.0m	Electr'nic Rent	64	-9	6.2	9.6	13.4
3.952.000	Elliott B.	23	+1	..e	..	..
15.6m	Ellis & Everard	176	+12	8.4	4.8	17.7
5.878.000	Ellis & Gold	24½	+½	3.1b	12.5	5.2
2.772.000	Elson & Robbins	28	•+2	0.1	0.5	..
28.0m	Empire Stores	86	-2	..	..	..
14.8m	Energy Serv	39½	+1	1.3	3.3	14.5
292.0m	Eng China Clay	174	+9	11.7	6.7	8.1
1.296.2m	Ericsson	£30¼	+1½	60.8	2.0	73.0
9.611.000	Erith & Co	101	+1	5.9	5.9	14.5
179.1m	Euro Ferries	64½	+7	4.4	6.9	9.4
72.7m	Eurotherm Int	544	+2	7.9	1.4	36.5
13.3m	Evode Group	84	+1	2.7	3.2	7.3
35.5m	Extel Grp	285	+12	12.9	4.5	11.5

F — H

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
3.400.000	FMC	34	..	..	..	..
37.5m	Fairview Est	116	+12	5.7	4.9	3.8
3.535.000	Farmer S.W.	140	..	13.1	9.4	..
37.5m	Fenner J. H.	122	+1	12.9	10.5	10.1
23.5m	Ferguson Ind	112	+4	8.1	7.3	9.9
412.0m	Ferranti	482	+16	6.5	1.3	19.1
17.5m	Fine Art Dev	30	-2	4.3b	14.3	..
59.8m	Finlay J.	103	+5	6.4	6.2	11.5
—	Finsider	2	..	..	..	..
15.6m	First Castle	93	+15	2.5	2.7	10.0
166.0m	Fisons	445	+17	15.7	3.5	44.2
77.7m	Fitch Lovell	115	+1	9.8	8.5	10.6
22.5m	Fleet Hldgs	37½	+1½	1.4	3.8	6.4
6.208.000	Fogarty E.	62	+2	5.7	9.3	..
—	Ford Mtr BDR	125	+5	..	..	..
4.741.000	Forminster	138	•+8	7.1	5.5	7.6
99.1m	Foseco Min	122	+3	10.0	8.2	7.3
31.7m	Foster Bros	68	-2	4.8	7.0	11.9
14.3m	Fothergill & H	116	..	11.1	9.5	12.8
3.001.000	Francis Ind	27	-1	3.6	13.2	..
64.1m	Freemans PLC	92	+6	5.9	6.4	15.5
3.937.000	French T.	105	..	8.6b	8.2	8.9
59.6m	French Kier	125½	+2½	6.3	5.0	8.1
6.676.000	Friedland Doggt	109	..	7.5	6.9	8.1
24.2m	Galliford	64	..	3.9	6.0	8.9
1.582.000	Garford Lilley	24	..	2.1	8.9	4.9
4.425.000	Garnar Booth	63	..	9.1	14.5	7.0
18.0m	Geers Gross	172	+2	5.1	3.0	30.2
5.980.8m	GEC	218	+6	3.9	1.8	17.3
89.6m	Do F Rate	£100½	..	1100	10.9	..
21.0m	Gel Int	58	+5	6.6	11.4	12.7
—	Gen Mtr BDR	190	-2	5.1	2.7	..
21.6m	Gestetner 'A'	47	+8	3.8	8.0	9.7
2.319.000	Gieves Grp	48	+3	2.1b	4.5	..
95.4m	Gill & Duffus	145	-1	12.0	8.3	12.9
2.422.9m	Glaxo Hldgs	£14⅛	+1⅛	20.0	1.4	30.4
6.158.000	Glossop PLC	65	+1	7.3	11.2	7.8
77.0m	Glynwed	92	-1½	10.5	11.4	5.1
3.353.000	Gomme Hldgs	26	+6	..e	..	..
4.838.000	Good Relations	145	..	3.6b	2.5	37.6
4.159.000	Gordon & Gotch	91	..	10.7	11.8	4.5
5.482.000	Grampian Hldgs	54	+3	6.4	11.9	..
313.4m	Granada 'A'	202	+3	7.5	3.7	15.7
2.073.7m	Grand Met PLC	343	+9	13.0	3.5	13.6
35.5m	Grattan PLC	80	+10	3.2	3.9	4.9
32.9m	Gt Univ Stores	605	+7	18.9	3.1	14.3
1.473.6m	Do A	600	+7	18.9	3.2	14.2
2.876.000	Gripperrods	115	+2	6.7	5.8	7.2
4.263.000	Grosvenor Grp	34	+1½	1.4	4.2	16.7
208.6m	GKN	126	+10	11.4	9.1	19.7
77.7m	H.A.T. Grp	125	+3	4.1	3.3	18.6
14.5m	HTV	144	-1	15.7	10.9	6.4
253.8m	Habitat	240	+2	5.7n	2.4	26.1
37.1m	Haden	240	+2	11.1	4.6	10.5
17.5m	Hall Eng	124	+2	10.9	8.8	4.0
70.7m	Hall M.	207	•-7	7.5	3.6	11.1
20.1m	Halma Ltd	108	•+2	2.3	2.1	21.0
2.205.000	Hampson Ind	10¼	..	1.1	10.4	10.5
6.975.000	Hanimex Corp	28	..	2.5	9.0	3.9
645.000	Hanover Inv	43	..	2.6	6.1	23.4
649.000	Do NV	42	..	2.6	6.3	22.8
616.1m	Hanson Trust	280	+6	8.6	3.1	14.8
23.9m	Hargreaves Grp	68	-2	5.4	7.9	7.6
195.6m	Harris Q'nsway	336	+22	6.7	2.0	38.3
334.6m	Harrison Cros	537	+50	40.0	7.4	15.2
14.9m	Hartwells Grp	84	..	5.9	7.0	9.0
673.9m	Hawker Sidd	342	+6	13.3	3.9	8.6
2.169.000	Hawkins & T'son	25	+2	1.4	5.7	..
4.147.000	Hawtin	12	+¼	..	..	..
8.750.000	Haynes	175	..	13.2	7.5	17.2
1.633.000	Headlam Sims	40	..	4.3	10.7	5.8
3.065.000	Helene of Ldn	14¼	..	2.1	14.3	10.7
958.000	Helical Bar	33	+1	..e	..	..
12.8m	Henly's	92	+2	..e	..	..
198.2m	Hepworth Cer	126	+8	7.5	6.0	15.1
55.5m	Hepworth J.	127	+1	5.7	4.5	18.6
2.054.000	Herman Smith	30	+4	0.7	2.4	11.6
8.035.000	Hestair	44	+3	3.2	7.3	5.4
24.6m	Hewden-Stuart	28	+1	1.8	6.5	..
1.125.000	Hewitt J.	50	+2	2.8	5.6	3.6
1.020.000	Hicking P'cost	40	..	5.7	14.3	..
39.1m	Hickson Welch	306	+31	10.7	3.5	12.1
22.0m	Higgs & Hill	247	+3	10.4	4.2	8.4
7.791.000	Hill C Bristol	128	..	..	..	..
46.4m	Hillards	192	+2	4.6	2.4	15.6
11.8m	Hinton A	270	+2	11.4	4.2	6.7
—	Hoechst	305	+15	23.7	7.8	10.9
9.014.000	Hollas Grp	35	..	4.3	12.3	8.8
13.3m	Hopkinsons	102	+2	8.1	7.9	5.5
80.6m	Horizon Travel	191	+21	4.6	2.4	12.0
274.1m	Hse of Fraser	180	+2	10.0	5.6	14.2
5.758.000	Howard Mach	20	..	..	..	..
9.858.000	Howard Tenens	62	h ..	1.4	2.3	13.7
49.6m	Howden Group	163	-1	6.3	3.9	9.2
228.6m	Hudsons Bay	£9½	•+1⅛	30.1	3.2	..
3.397.000	Hunt Moscrop	14½	h ..	1.3	8.9	28.4
18.3m	Huntleigh Grp	128	+2	2.4	1.9	14.5
—	Hutch Whamp	96	+5½	..	..	..

I — L

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
307.9m	ICL	69	r -3	0.1b	0.2	14.9
6.835.000	IDC Grp	101	..	8.1	8.1	7.3
127.6m	IMI	47½	+3½	4.8	10.1	5.0
25.6m	Ibstock Johnsen	90	b -5	6.4	7.1	..
2.164.4m	Imp Chem Ind	358	-2	27.1	7.6	11.1
870.4m	Imperial Grp	121	+6	10.4	8.6	10.5
3.922.000	Ingall Ind	60	..	3.9	6.6	16.4
825.000	Ingram H.	35	..	..e	..	..
187.5m	Initial PLC	353	•+11	16.1	4.6	12.7
135.8m	Int Paint	171	..	7.1	4.2	7.8
579.5m	Int Thomson	416	+11	20.6	4.9	13.3
44.4m	Itoh Bdr	700	..	8.6	1.2	..
1.623.000	Jacks W.	30	..	..	..	4.7
2.910.000	James M. Ind	22	-1	1.8	8.1	9.2
—	Jardine M'son	126	+8	..	..	..
3.543.000	Jarvis J.	350	..	21.4	6.1	6.7
1.793.000	Jessups Hldgs	43	+6	2.9	6.6	6.3
8.474.000	Johnson & F B	8	+1½	..	..	..
32.6m	Johnson Grp	301	-5	11.9	4.0	25.2
430.2m	Johnson Matt	323	+30	14.3	4.4	12.0
23.6m	Johnston Grp	236	+10	5.7	2.4	9.6
8.300.000	Jones (Ernest)	88	..	5.6	6.3	13.3
3.583.000	Jourdan T.	88	..	7.5	8.5	35.5
7.555.000	Kalamazoo	41	+2	3.6	8.7	14.2
5.568.000	Kelsey Ind	145	•+5	11.4	7.9	8.3
26.8m	Kenning Mtr	85	+2	5.0	5.9	10.7
13.3m	Kode Int	298	+3	10.0	3.4	29.8
25.1m	Kwik Fit Hldgs	50	-4	2.1	4.1	22.2
245.3m	Kwik Save Disc	328	+8	8.6	2.6	18.4
31.0m	LCP Hldgs	62	+5	5.1	8.3	48.8
95.2m	LRC Int	106	+2	4.4	4.2	18.0
23.0m	LWT Hldgs 'A'	143	+2	15.8	11.1	11.6
257.3m	Ladbroke	176	+9	10.8	6.1	9.8
17.6m	Laing J. Ord	64	+1	4.1	6.4	6.7
16.8m	Do 'A'	64	+1	4.1	6.4	6.7
76.9m	Laird Grp Ltd	98	+3	5.9	6.0	4.9
2.187.000	Lake & Elliot	22	+2	..	..	..
4.050.000	Lambert H'wth	135	-15	7.3	5.4	9.5
127.3m	Laporte Ind	220	+5	10.0	4.5	28.5
11.1m	Lawrence W.	222	..	12.1	5.5	8.1
600.000	Lawtex	30	..	..	..	..
4.494.000	Lee A.	14½	• ..	0.8	5.9	7.6
13.6m	Lee Cooper	88	..	4.4	5.0	3.3
6.034.000	Leigh Int	60	..	2.2	3.7	..
3.840.000	Leisure Ind	192	+6	8.6b	4.5	9.1
25.9m	Lep Grp	370	+5	25.0	6.8	13.7
100.4m	Lex Services	155	+3	10.4	6.7	7.7
80.7m	Lilley F. J. C.	205	-2	8.6	4.2	10.3
1.461.000	Lincroft Kilg	30½	..	..e	..	7.7
124.8m	Linfood Hldgs	255	+11	18.6b	7.3	12.4
39.1m	Link House	326	+13	17.6	5.4	14.0
16.9m	Ldn & M'land	102	..	11.1	10.9	15.0
32.6m	Ldn & N'thern	57½	..	5.5	9.6	6.2
83.4m	Ldn Brick Co	130	+3	7.9n	6.0	11.6
3.515.000	Longton Inds	56	..	1.4e	2.6	..
261.7m	Lonrho	99	+1	14.3	14.4	..
4.225.000	Lookers	57	+1	5.5b	9.6	6.0
27.5m	Lovell Hldgs	160	+2	5.7	3.6	7.8
10.3m	Low & Bonar	74	+4	4.0	5.4	..
127.6m	Lucas Ind	141	+13	12.3	8.7	7.6
3.087.000	Lyles S.	85	..	8.9	10.5	8.6

M — N

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
263.5m	MFI Furn	154	+4	4.0	2.6	23.6
125.3m	MK Electric	343	+6	11.4b	3.3	20.7
11.8m	ML Hldgs	320	+20	10.0	3.1	10.8
3.739.000	MY Dart	19½	+2	0.1	0.7	..
37.6m	McCorquodale	231	•+10	12.9	5.6	8.8
20.0m	Macfarlane	132	+1	4.8	3.6	16.9
4.838.000	McInerney Prop	38	+4	3.1	8.2	4.2
2.275.000	Mackay H.	46	+1	5.7	12.4	..
50.1m	McKechnie Bros	101	+3	10.4	10.3	7.9
9.236.000	Macpherson D.	51	-1	6.0	11.8	6.8
321.3m	Magnet & S'thns	202	+16	4.8	2.4	42.4
9.100.000	Man Agcy Music	121	•+2	12.5	10.3	8.6
46.9m	Marchwiel	142	..	9.9	6.9	11.1
2.960.3m	Marks & Spencer	226	+6	6.7	3.0	24.7
108.8m	Marley PLC	53	+5	3.2	6.1	..
5.129.000	Marling Ind	34	+4	1.5	4.5	4.4
456.000	Marshall T Lox	38	..	4.0	10.5	..
1.216.000	Do A	28	..	4.0	14.3	..
21.0m	Marshalls Hfx	138	+3	7.1	5.2	11.2
25.6m	Martin News	195	•-1	8.3	4.2	8.6
35.7m	Martonair	275	+2	11.4	4.2	16.4
1.160.000	Medminster	58	-1	5.7	9.8	10.5
95.6m	Menzies J.	345	+2	6.6	1.9	12.7
126.8m	Metal Box	168	+2	16.5	9.8	10.5
5.650.000	Metal Bulletin	129	-1	8.1	6.3	15.2
9.972.000	Metalrax	42	..	3.1	7.3	9.0
2.431.000	Mettoy	15	+4	..	..	..
111.8m	Meyer Int	116	•+12	5.0b	4.3	..
4.515.000	Midland Ind	35	+5	3.7	10.6	6.8
6.656.000	Milletts Leis	128	+3	9.9	7.8	33.1
17.7m	Mining Supplies	74	+7	0.1	0.2	..
29.7m	Mitchell Cotts Gp	41½	+½	5.2	12.5	11.5
23.2m	Moben Grp	42	+6	..	..	..
600.000	Modern Eng	20	..	..e	..	..
40.4m	Molins	138	+6	11.3	8.2	12.2
12.6m	Monk A.	117	•+5	5.7	4.9	4.7
—	Montecatini	5	..	..	..	..
602.000	Montfort Knit	20	..	..e	..	..
13.9m	More O'Ferrall	68	-3	4.2	6.2	8.5
41.9m	Morgan Cruc	80	+2	10.7	13.4	6.9
42.7m	Mowlem J.	216	+2	13.9	6.4	6.6
16.2m	Muirhead	192	+4	5.7	3.0	26.2
30.2m	NSS News	118	..	3.9	3.3	11.1
816.1m	Nabisco	£22⅞	..	113	5.0	..
3.764.000	Neill J.	21	+1	..	..	..
6.284.000	Newmark L.	212	+17	16.4	7.8	8.2
43.7m	News Int	110	..	9.0	8.2	..
116.1m	Norcros	120	•+2	8.6	7.1	8.0
5.883.000	Norfolk C Grp	31	..	0.7	2.3	..
180.1m	NEI	83	-1½	6.1	7.3	6.8
408.3m	Nthn Foods	198	+12	8.2	4.1	12.2
169.0m	Notts Mfg	224	+26	6.6	2.9	11.9
109.5m	Nurdin & P'cock	186	+2	4.1	2.2	17.7
10.4m	Nu-Swift Ind	52	+7½	3.1	5.9	24.1

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
10.0m	Ocean Wilsons	38	-1	4.2	11.1	6.6
120.7m	Ogilvy & M	£28	+⅜	84.3	3.0	12.8
15.5m	Owen Owen	166	-5	4.3	2.6	..
12.3m	Owners Abroad	24	..	0.7	3.0	..
7.060.000	Pactrol Elect	353	+5	4.0	1.1	..
13.5m	Parker Knoll 'A'	201	+16	10.7	5.3	11.4
35.6m	Paterson Zoch	146	+5	6.4	4.4	4.8
33.5m	Do A NV	146	+5	6.4	4.4	4.8
71.1m	Pauls & Whites	258	+10	10.7	4.2	9.2
321.4m	Pearson & Son	280	+9	16.0	5.7	6.9
75.1m	Pegler-Hatt	246	+12	15.4	6.2	8.1
7.439.000	Pentland Ind	60	..	2.4	4.0	7.0
4.556.000	Pentos	10	..	..e	..	..
16.4m	Perry H. Mtrs	91	+2	5.4b	5.9	8.4
10.2m	Phicom	25	+1	0.6	2.3	..
9.496.000	Philips Fin 5%	£59½	+2½	575	9.7	..
1.244.7m	Philips Lamps	725	+63	36.5	5.1	15.7
5.500.000	Pifco Hldgs	220	-5	7.5	3.4	10.0
5.500.000	Do A	220	-5	7.5	3.4	10.0
298.4m	Pilkington Bros	178	+25	15.0	8.4	6.5
64.3m	Pleasurama	485	+30	10.7	2.2	14.4
1.546.9m	Plessey	644	+35	12.3	1.9	31.1
36.0m	Do ADR	£61⅝	+2⅛	..	..	..
20.1m	Plysu	149	•+3	3.3	2.2	14.3
206.0m	Polly Peck	£28¼	+5	21.9	0.8	24.1
101.0m	Portals Hldgs	580	-5	20.7	3.7	13.6
16.8m	Portsmth News	140	..	5.0	3.6	9.8
79.7m	Powell Duffryn	255	+1	20.4	8.0	8.3
5.407.000	Preedy A.	60	..	5.0	8.3	8.7
32.7m	Prestige Grp	178	..	9.8	5.5	8.3
80.2m	Pretoria P Cem	450	..	26.2	5.8	4.2
3.891.000	Priest B.	23	+1	1.4	6.2	14.6
119.9m	Pritchard Serv	148	+12	3.6	2.6	28.8
566.9m	Quaker Oats	£27	+¼	117	4.3	10.1
31.9m	Queens Moat	36	+1	1.7b	4.8	12.7
9.132.000	R.F.D. Grp	67	..	4.2b	6.3	11.7
1.595.1m	Racal Elect	597	..	7.2	1.2	22.8
242.3m	Rank Org Ord	120	+14	15.4	12.9	5.9
145.9m	RHM	53	..	5.5	10.4	6.3
13.6m	Ratners	46	+1	3.3	7.2	24.5
18.9m	Raybeck Ltd	30	-5	3.2	10.8	..
310.7m	RMC	364	+20	13.6	3.7	15.5
466.7m	Reckitt & Colmn	378	+2	14.5	3.8	12.1
6.615.000	Redfearn Nat	109	•-3	11.8	10.8	7.7
215.8m	Rediffusion	250	-5	8.6	3.5	17.9
485.7m	Redland	247	+12	10.9	4.4	15.5
4.280.000	Redman Heenan	23	+1	..	..	..
3.341.000	Reed A.	133	..	4.9	3.7	20.3
19.4m	Do A NV	129	-1	4.9	3.8	19.7
2.100.000	Reed Exec	20	..	0.1	0.7	..
273.1m	Reed Int	232	-6	20.0	8.6	3.7
58.7m	Rennies Cons	275	+10	..	..	..
12.5m	Renold Ltd	31	+2	2.9e	9.2	..
198.6m	Rentokil Grp	208	+5	4.3	2.1	28.6
9.561.000	Renwick Grp	86	..	..e	..	..
5.261.000	Restmor Grp	102	..	7.9	7.7	9.0
21.6m	Ricardo Eng	605	..	13.4	2.2	15.5
2.551.000	Richardsons W.	20	+½	..e	..	..
15.8m	Riley Leisure	145	+7	5.9	4.0	23.1
10.6m	Rockware Grp	48	+3	3.0	6.3	..
4.423.000	Rotaflex	40	..	2.9	7.2	4.9
506.000	Rotaprint	10	-½	..e	..	..
2.314.000	Do 11½% Conv	160	+10	11.5	7.2	..
170.5m	Rothmns Int 'B'	123	+6	6.5	5.3	4.0
11.1m	Rotork PLC	59	..	3.9n	6.5	8.1
2.082.000	Routledge & K	180	..	..e	..	..
3.622.000	Rowlinson Sec	29	..	0.9	3.0	5.3
293.3m	Rowntree Mac	212	+6	11.7	5.5	10.2
5.462.000	Rowton Hotels	144	..	10.0	6.9	18.7
9.241.000	Royal Worcs	140	-15	12.3	8.8	..
136.3m	Rugby Cement	114	+3½	7.9	6.9	14.4
104.9m	SGB Grp	248	-2	8.0	3.2	21.9
96.8m	SKF 'B'	£9¾	..	44.8g	4.6	4.1
100.1m	Saatchi	622	+2	12.4	2.0	23.2
1.397.3m	Sainsbury J.	405	+9	7.4	1.8	20.1
8.151.000	Sale Tilney	168	..	11.4	6.8	4.8
51.9m	Samuel H. 'A'	116	+1	8.9	7.7	18.0
4.456.000	Sangers	47	+3	..e	..	..
58.8m	Scapa Grp	184	-2	10.1	5.5	8.9
23.7m	Scholes G. H.	370	+15	19.1	5.1	14.5
5.597.000	Scotcros	80	+1	7.9	9.9	..
2.325.000	S.E.E.T.	63	..	4.7	7.5	3.5
5.071.000	Scottish TV 'A'	98	-1	10.5	10.7	3.7
141.7m	Seaco Inc	£15⅛	+1⅛	24.4	1.5	6.5
906.0m	Sears Hldgs	101	-1	3.6	3.5	16.4
21.5m	Securicor Grp	298	..	1.7	0.6	52.9
88.1m	Do NV	295	+2	1.7	0.6	52.5
21.7m	Security Serv	293	..	3.3	1.1	38.3
110.6m	Do A	283	..	3.3	1.2	37.0
1.469.000	Sekers Int	15	-2½	..e	..	..
5.953.000	Selincourt	11½	+½	0.0	0.1	..
24.2m	Serck	57	..	4.9	8.5	10.4
4.098.000	Shaw Carpets	23	..	0.1e	0.6	..
27.0m	Siebe Gorman	261	+4	12.1b	4.7	10.1
30.6m	Silentnight	68	+4	3.6	5.3	6.9
87.9m	Simon Eng	338	+3	18.0	5.3	6.6
43.0m	Sirdar	180	+1	5.9	3.3	10.9
27.4m	600 Group	61	+7	7.5	12.3	10.4
70.3m	Sketchley	378	..	15.6	4.1	14.0
349.7m	Smith & Neph	151	+1	5.3	3.5	17.6
204.7m	Smith W. H. 'A'	270	+4	7.9	2.9	21.0
36.1m	Do "B"	52	..	1.6	3.0	20.2
199.2m	Smiths Ind	386	+3	15.7	4.1	10.9
73.3m	Smurfit	55	+1	5.3	9.5	5.4
13.3m	Snia Viscosa	31	-½	..	..	..
2.189.000	Solicitors Law	19	..	..	..	..
54.0m	Sotheby P.B.	473	-32	..	..	..
61.2m	Spirax-Sarco	164	..	6.7	4.1	14.2
1.237.000	Staffs Potts	23	-1	0.0	..	..
8.800.000	Stag Furniture	114	+2	7.1	6.3	12.9
42.2m	Stakis (Reo)	76	+6	2.4	3.1	12.8
600.0m	Standard Tel	200	+4	8.6	4.3	15.0
14.1m	Stanley A. G.	56	..	3.6	6.4	10.4
36.6m	Steel Bros	260	..	13.7	5.3	9.9
92.9m	Steetley Co	152	+3	15.0	9.9	10.8
13.4m	Steinberg	103	+6½	0.0e	..	..
2.370.000	Streeters	32	+1	..	..	11.7
3.071.000	Strong & Fisher	28	..	2.4	8.5	..
19.3m	Sunlight Serv	160	+2	6.0b	3.8	15.2
713.000	Sutcliffe S'man	19	..	..e	..	..
5.695.000	Suter Elec	42	+7	2.1	5.1	..
—	Swire Pacific 'A'	82½	+2	..	..	..
5.178.000	Sylione	164	-4	12.9	7.8	9.7

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
82.9m	TI Group	140	..	10.7	7.7	..
1.073.000	TACE	28	+1	..e	..	..
6.371.000	TSL Therm Synd	90	+8	10.0	11.1	16.5
3.633.000	Takeda BDR	£24⅞	+1⅛	17.6	0.7	27.2
1.301.000	Talbex Grp	8¼	..	..	..	58.3
585.4m	Tarmac PLC	450	+14	13.6n	3.0	15.3
128.7m	Tate & Lyle	236	+16	16.4	7.0	5.9
153.7m	Taylor Woodrow	520	..	23.3	4.5	10.5
22.0m	Telefusion	76	+4	2.5	3.3	11.7
12.6m	Do 'A'	75	+3	2.5	3.3	11.5
117.9m	Telephone Rent	152	+4	6.6	4.3	14.6
429.1m	Tesco	128	+8	4.5	3.5	13.9
2.964.000	Textured Jersey	77	+3	5.7	7.4	5.7
776.4m	Thorn EMI PLC	445	+12	20.9	4.7	13.1
15.6m	Tilbury Grp	132	+8	6.7	5.1	13.0
365.4m	Tilling T.	122	+2	11.4	9.4	6.6
7.934.000	Time Products	16	+1	..	..	..
5.162.000	Tomkins F. H.	20	..	1.9	9.7	5.0
58.4m	Tootal	33	+1½	3.4	10.2	7.5
14.4m	Tozer Kemsley	27	+1	..e	..	..
363.1m	Trafalgar Hse	151	+1	10.3	6.8	7.7
2.400.000	Trans Paper	33	-1	..e	..	..
100.3m	Transport Dev	76½	..	6.1	8.0	11.9
50.1m	Travis & Arnold	294	+6	6.3	2.1	15.9
2.126.000	Trent Hldgs	98	+10	2.5	2.6	10.8
34.7m	Trident TV 'A'	71½	+6½	6.1	8.5	14.1
1.760.000	Triefus & Co	44	+2	0.9e	2.0	..
1.154.000	Triplex Found	14	+2	1.4e	10.2	..
632.9m	Trust Hse Forte	162	+2	8.6	5.3	12.3
36.9m	Turner Newall	34	+2	0.4	1.1	..
9.799.000	Turriff	224	+2	7.1	3.3	6.7
47.7m	UBM	81½	+3½	2.9	3.5	88.6
186.8m	UDS Grp	98	•+9	3.2	3.2	23.3
159.9m	UEI PLC	306	..	6.5	2.1	27.4
5.199.000	UKO Int	37	+1	..	..	..
229.7m	Unigate	105	-1	9.3	8.8	7.2
1.504.8m	Unilever	822	+52	38.4	4.7	9.7
1.551.5m	Do NV	£29	+1¼	159	5.5	7.5
56.0m	Unitech	148	..	5.5	3.7	31.0
429.1m	Utd Biscuit	138	+8	7.5b	5.4	9.8
37.4m	Utd News	171	+1	17.1	10.0	11.5
212.7m	Utd Scientific	395	•+12	5.7	1.4	25.3
10.8m	Valor	89	..	4.4	5.0	7.9
15.0m	Vereeniging Ref	295	..	28.3	9.6	2.9
12.3m	Vibroplant	206	+2	20.8	10.1	..
85.1m	Vickers	93	+7	17.1	18.4	3.6
—	Volkswagen	£39½	+1½	..	..	..
9.880.000	Vosper	174	-5	5.7	3.3	6.3
3.168.000	Wadkin	66	-2	..e	..	..
17.8m	Wagon Ind	89	-1	8.6	9.6	9.5
4.110.000	Walker J. Gold	46	+1	1.4	3.1	..
4.304.000	Do NV	38	-1	1.4	3.8	..
7.253.000	Ward & Gold	48	•-2	2.9	6.0	..
32.2m	Ward White	82	+7	5.5	6.8	13.6
2.494.000	Warrington T.	83	+2	8.6	8.6	6.7
31.9m	Waterford Glass	15	+1	1.7	11.4	4.9
11.3m	Watmoughs	161	+3	7.8	4.3	8.0
29.8m	Watts Blake	180	..	5.2	2.9	14.3
31.2m	Wearwell	96	+9	3.9	4.1	12.6
4.488.000	Websters Grp	38	..	3.6	9.4	8.5
11.6m	Weir Grp	49½	+6½	3.6	7.7	3.6
11.5m	Do 10% Conv	46½	+6	2.5	..	..
3.153.000	Wellman Eng	24	..	4.8	20.0	3.9
89.5m	Westland PLC	151	+4	10.7	7.1	8.7
5.917.000	Wests Grp Int	76	+2	..e	..	15.4
—	Wh'lock Mar	29½	+1½	..	..	..
1.662.000	Whewey Watson	5½	..	0.1e	0.9	..
18.9m	Whitecroft	95	•-3	6.8	7.1	8.5
3.618.000	Whittingham	58	..	10.0	17.2	5.8
44.7m	Wholesale Fit	320	+5	6.5	2.0	23.3
8.848.000	Wigfall H.	170	+5	..	..	..
7.213.000	Wiggins Grp	86	-2	4.3	5.0	10.3
10.5m	Wills G. & Sons	175	-10	9.3n	5.3	15.7
314.8m	Wimpey G	123	+9	4.0	3.3	8.2
134.7m	W'sley Hughes	593	r +59	21.6	3.6	12.4
755.000	Wood S. W.	13	..	..e	..	..
711.5m	Woolworth Hldgs	188	+9	6.1	3.2	..
12.2m	Yarrow & Co	305	+5	12.9	4.2	25.9
5.246.000	Zetters	80	..	3.9	4.9	10.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
42.8m	Akroyd & Sm	268	-5	21.4	8.0	3.4
7.220.000	Argyle Trust	35	..	..	..	..
15.3m	Boustead	46	+2	1.8	3.9	..
50.9m	Brit Arrow	43	+½	2.3	5.3	10.5
19.7m	Daily Mail Tst	396	-2	42.9	10.8	7.9
19.7m	Do A	396	..	42.9	10.8	7.9
112.2m	Electra Inv	79½	+5½	4.7b	6.2	23.4
12.9m	Eng Assoc Grp	130	-8	4.3b	3.3	16.8
163.3m	Exco Int	360	+22	6.4	1.8	28.5
5.062.000	Exploration	42	+4	1.5	4.2	8.8
4.200.000	First Charlotte	14	+½	0.1b	0.5	77.8
11.2m	Goode D & M Grp	47	+4	1.3	2.7	7.7
239.8m	Inchcape	283	+15	25.9	9.2	10.7
62.7m	Independent Inv	224	+12	0.7	0.3	..
31.4m	M & G Grp PLC	345	+2	19.3b	5.6	13.7
6.182.000	Manson Fin	32	..	2.9	8.9	5.7
31.7m	Martin R.P.	340	-15	15.6	4.6	9.2
255.4m	Mercantile Hse	645	+20	20.0	3.1	15.9
95.6m	Mills & Allen	295	+15	15.7	5.3	10.0
3.318.000	Smith Bros	38	..	1.4	3.8	..
5.117.000	Tyndall O'seas	£23	..	24.0	1.0	..
10.4m	Wagon Fin	45	-1	5.8	13.0	28.1
15.2m	Yule Catto	81	-2	3.6	4.4	6.8

INSURANCE

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
435.2m	Alex & Alex	£14⅞	-¼	94.0	6.3	..
156.7m	Do 11¼ Cnv	£57	-1	..	..	..
64.6m	Britannic	338	-4	23.7	7.0	..
676.9m	Com Union	140	+15	16.9	12.0	..
499.0m	Eagle Star	363	+7	21.4	5.9	..
3.919.000	Edinburgh Gen	18	h +½	0.4e	2.4	..
112.0m	Equity & Law	558	•+3	22.1	4.0	..
648.0m	Gen Accident	386	+32	23.2	6.0	..
606.8m	GRE	386	+32	25.4	6.6	..
355.8m	Hambro Life	332	-12	17.2	5.2	..
96.2m	Heath C. E.	310	+34	20.7	6.7	9.2
34.7m	Hogg Robinson	102	+7	8.6	8.4	11.6
516.4m	Legal & Gen	344	-9	19.3	5.6	..
195.1m	Lib Life SA Rl	£17⅛	+1⅛	79.0g	4.4	..
67.4m	London & Man	294	..	15.6	5.3	..
17.9m	Ldn Utd Inv	203	+5	14.3	7.0	9.9
980.7m	Marsh & McLen	£26½	•+¼	125	4.7	14.4
85.4m	Minet Hldgs	111	+4	6.1	5.5	..
190.0m	Pearl	328	+2	34.3	6.5	..
186.7m	Phoenix	306	+18	24.0	7.8	..
1.002.5m	Prudential	336	-5	18.6	5.5	..
63.4m	Refuge	304	-8	10.5	3.5	..
860.1m	Royal	436	+28	38.4	8.0	..
429.8m	Sedgwick	201	+20	8.9	4.4	15.0
39.0m	Stenhouse	103	+2	7.9	7.6	..
46.4m	Stewart W'son	251	+11	18.6	7.4	10.8
471.4m	Sun Alliance	£9⅞	+⅛	61.4	6.4	..
249.9m	Sun Life	434	-4	17.0	3.9	..
11.5m	Trade Indem'ty	160	..	9.9	6.2	..
210.8m	Willis Faber	518	+25	22.4	4.3	15.8

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
25.4m	Alliance Inv	114	•+4	4.2	3.7	..
204.6m	Alliance Trust	406	+28	16.8	4.1	..
66.0m	Amer Trust Ord	81	+5	3.6	4.5	..
98.6m	Ang-Amer Secs	173	+12	7.3b	4.2	..
3.180.000	Anglo Int Inv	53	+½	8.1	15.4	..
4.860.000	Do Ass	243	+3	..	..	..
25.8m	Anglo Scot	79	+4	3.6	4.5	..
26.0m	Ashdown Inv	240	+6	9.9b	4.1	..
3.150.000	Atlanta Balt	105	+2	1.6	1.5	..
97.9m	Atlantic Assets	80	+7	0.4	0.5	..
41.4m	Bankers Inv	107	+2½	6.3	5.9	..
99.6m	Border & Sthrn	101½	+6½	4.3	4.2	..
3.303.000	Bremar Trst	64	..	3.9	6.0	..
33.4m	Brit Am & Gen	66½	+2½	3.6	5.4	..
124.8m	Brit Assets Tst	130	+7	6.5	5.0	..
17.1m	Brit Emp Sec	18	..	1.3	7.0	..
142.2m	Brit Invest	228	+10	14.0	6.1	..
37.6m	Broadstone	276	+6	10.8	3.9	..
32.0m	Brunner	100	+4	4.8	4.8	..
22.9m	Cardinal 'Dfd'	100	+1	4.7b	4.7	..
39.4m	Charter Trust	97½	+3½	5.3	5.4	..
56.5m	Cont & Ind	334	+10	18.6	5.6	..
29.6m	Crescent Japan	440	+32	2.1	0.5	..
61.0m	Delta Inv	265	..	..	..	..
9.005.000	Derby Tst 'Inc'	305	..	30.7	10.1	..
9.370.000	Do Cap	365	+2	..	..	..
14.6m	Dom & Gen	348	+10	17.1b	4.9	..
37.7m	Drayton Cons	173	+6	11.9	6.9	..
67.6m	Do Premier	222	+10	15.3	6.9	..
63.4m	Drayton Japan	235	+21	7.9b	3.3	..
58.7m	Edin Amer Ass	158	+8	1.1	0.7	..
157.3m	Edinburgh Inv	86	+4	3.0b	3.5	..
74.8m	Edith	76	+5	3.2	4.2	..
24.7m	Elec & Gen	137	•+4	3.9	2.8	..
13.1m	Eng & Int	127	+4	8.2	6.5	..
49.3m	Eng & N York	123	+3½	5.9	4.8	..
122.2m	First Union Gen	164	+10	8.5	5.2	..
54.7m	Fleming Amer	332	+4	13.6b	4.1	..
89.2m	Fleming Far East	177	+19	3.1b	1.8	..
41.8m	Fleming Japan	278	+22	9.9b	3.6	..
970.000	Do B	265	+13	..	..	..
106.1m	Fleming Merc	78	+8	3.7	4.8	..
99.1m	Fleming O'seas	224	+17	10.0	4.5	..
39.8m	Fleming Univ	183	+10	8.6	4.7	..
206.1m	Foreign & Colnl	78½	+6½	3.1	3.9	..
22.4m	Gt Japan Inv	449	+29	7.1	1.6	..
20.0m	Gen Funds 'Ord'	318	+6	11.4	3.6	..
1.441.000	Do Conv	290	-5	..	..	..
38.6m	Gen Inv & Tsts	93	+3	5.0b	5.4	..
17.6m	Gen Scottish	90	+4	4.4b	4.9	..
259.4m	Globe Trust	158½	+4½	11.3	7.1	..
9.400.000	Greenfriar	235	+9	3.3	1.4	..
8.867.000	Gresham Hse	215	+16	5.7	2.7	..
91.6m	Hambros	106	+6	4.7	4.4	..
165.3m	Hill P. Inv	171	+9	9.9	5.8	..
18.7m	Invest in Suc	307	+7	7.2	2.3	..
89.0m	Inv Cap Trst	144	+9	4.5	3.1	..
8.250.000	Japan Assets	27½	+2½	0.1	0.4	..
75.9m	Lake View Inv	169	+10	6.0	3.6	..
23.3m	Law Deb Corp	103	+7	6.4b	6.2	..
78.2m	Ldn Merch Sec	49	•+8	2.0	4.0	..
31.1m	Do Dfd	39	+4	..	..	..
8.640.000	Ldn Pru Invest	144	+4	7.6	5.3	..
71.0m	Ldn Trust Ord	77½	+5	5.4	6.9	..
82.0m	Merchants Trust	121½	+6	5.9	4.9	..
13.5m	Moorside Trust	79	+2	5.0b	7.1	..
50.4m	Murray Cal	93	+2	7.8b	8.5	..
6.330.000	Do 'B'	89	+1	..	..	..
82.4m	Murray Clyde	94	+5	2.9b	3.1	..
1.699.000	Do 'B'	89	+6	7.9b	8.8	..
20.7m	Murray Glend	200	+9	4.3b	2.1	..
25.9m	Murray N'thn	94	+7	2.8	3.0	..
303.000	Do 'B'	87	+5	..	..	..
93.2m	Murray West	120	+4	3.6b	3.0	..
2.045.000	Do 'B'	114	+6	..	..	..
5.100.000	New Darien Oil	51	+1	0.2e	0.4	..
939.000	New Throg Inc	24	+½	2.9	11.9	..
13.7m	Do Cap	274	+10	..	..	..
15.2m	New Tokyo	152	+11	..e	..	..
35.0m	North Atlantic	191	+9	3.9	2.1	..
15.6m	Nth Sea Assets	130	+5	4.0	3.1	..
7.899.000	Oil & Associated	79	+3	5.8	7.3	..
40.8m	Pentland	234	+4	9.1b	3.9	..
51.8m	Raeburn	194	+8	10.7b	5.5	..
37.4m	River & Merc	156	+10	10.7	6.9	..
—	Robeco fl5	603	+26	26.4	4.4	..
732.6m	Rolinco Subs fl5	566	+24	16.7	2.9	..
1.760.0m	Rorento 'NV'	£44	+1¼	..	..	..
179.0m	R.I.T.& Northern	173	+16	9.4	5.5	..
91.6m	Scot Amer	164	+7	6.5b	4.0	..
108.7m	Scot Eastern	103	+5	4.8	4.7	..
142.3m	Scot Invest	168	•+9	6.7	4.0	..
160.1m	Scot Mortgage	222	+20	7.6	3.4	..
80.2m	Scot National	127	+6	5.2	4.1	..
60.6m	Scot Northern	105	+8	5.1	4.9	..
101.4m	Scot United	61	+5	2.4	3.9	..
67.2m	Sec Alliance	350	+22	13.7	3.9	..
4.800.000	Stewart Ent	32	+1	2.4	7.4	..
67.5m	Stockholders	170	+8	5.5	3.2	..
17.3m	TR Australia	124	+8	6.0	4.9	..
49.2m	TR C of Ldn Dfd	103	+5	7.1	6.9	..
193.1m	TR Ind & Gen	89½	+3½	4.3	4.8	..
52.5m	TR Natural Res	177	+11	9.6b	5.4	..
38.7m	TR Nth America	121	+5	7.5b	6.2	..
46.2m	TR Pacific Basin	135	+8	3.9b	2.9	..
38.8m	TR Property	80	+3½	3.1b	3.5	..
131.2m	TR Technology	121½	+5½	4.7b	3.9	..
73.9m	TR Trustees	83	•+4½	4.3	5.2	..
6.160.000	Throg Sec 'Cap'	176	+6	8.6b	4.9	..
80.8m	Throgmtn Trust	144	+7	8.6b	6.0	..
41.4m	Trans Oceanic	115	+4	3.6	3.2	..
31.5m	Tribune Inv	122	+6	4.4	3.6	..
17.8m	Triplevest 'Inc'	74½	..	10.3b	13.8	..
24.9m	Do Cap	415	+7	..	..	..
95.2m	Utd States Deb	138	+9	8.8b	6.4	..
28.4m	Viking Res	71	+11	1.1	1.6	..
41.4m	Westpool Inv	42	+2	1.7	3.9	..
150.9m	Witan Inv.	88½	+6½	3.1b	3.5	..
11.1m	Young Co Inv	157	+3	9.1	5.8	..

SHIPPING

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
219.1m	Brit & Com	615	+25	19.7	3.2	15.3
99.7m	Caledonia Inv	515	+25	18.8	3.7	49.0
24.1m	Fisher J	106	+1	4.0	3.8	6.6
8.294.000	Jacobs J. I.	36	+1	3.3	9.1	34.0
86.7m	Ocean Trans	76	-4	12.9	16.9	3.9
161.6m	P & O 'Dfd'	114	+6	14.3b	12.5	5.5

MINES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
305.4m	Anglo Am Coal	£12⅛	+⅛	78.0	6.1	..
2.335.0m	Anglo Am Corp	£10⅛	+½	61.5	6.0	..
1.579.1m	Ang Am Gold	£71⅛	+3⅛	364	5.1	..
436.8m	Anglo Am Inv	£43⅞	•+3⅛	208	4.7	..
57.0m	Anglovaal	£32	+2	175	5.5	..
57.0m	Do 'A'	£32	+1	175	5.5	..
250.5m	Blyvoors	£10⅛	•-⅛	116	11.1	..
30.5m	Bracken Mines	218	+11	20.8	9.6	..
280.1m	Buffelsfontein	£34⅛	+⅛	301	8.7	..
—	CRA	238	+25	..	..	..
260.6m	Charter Cons	253	+25	15.7	6.2	..
966.0m	Cons Gold Fields	519	+27	35.0	6.7	..
1.396.1m	De Beers 'Dfd'	427	+63	12.5	2.9	..
148.7m	Doornfontein	£14⅛	•+⅛	113	7.8	..
2.065.5m	Driefontein	£20⅛	•+⅛	136	6.7	..
53.3m	Durban Rood	£22⅛	+⅛	..	..	..
13.4m	East Daggs	177	+35	..	..	..
81.7m	E. Rand Prop	£14⅛	+1⅛	..e	..	..
3.699.000	El Oro M & Ex	82	+1	3.5	4.3	..
63.4m	Elsburg Gold	210	+5	3.7	1.8	..
331.4m	F S Geduld	£31⅛	+1⅛	158	5.0	..
2.526.000	Geevor Tin	85	..	..	..	..
1.138.5m	Gencor	£14⅛	+⅛	88.1	6.2	..
959.0m	Goldfields S A.	£58⅛	+2⅛	253	4.3	..
100.0m	Grootvlei	875	+38	64.7	7.4	..
31.3m	Hampton Gold	224	+34	4.6	2.1	..
373.0m	Harmony	£12⅛	+⅛	73.3	5.4	..
492.8m	Hartebeest	£44	+1⅛	290	6.6	..
410.1m	Jo'burg Cons	£56⅛	+2⅛	341	6.1	..
274.5m	Kinross	£15⅛	+⅛	64.5	4.2	..
805.1m	Kloof	£26⅛	•+½	158	5.9	..
42.8m	Leslie	268	+36	17.8	6.6	..
163.6m	Libanon	£20⅛	•+⅛	141	6.8	..
46.8m	Lydenburg Plat	325	+75	15.7	4.8	..
723.3m	MIM Hldgs	253	+37	3.2	1.3	..
4.600.000	MTD (Mangula)	23	..	..e	..	..
238.8m	Malaysia	58	+1	2.5	4.3	..
11.9m	Marievale Con	265	+30	22.9	8.6	..
—	Metals Explor	29	+6	..	..	..
86.0m	Middle Wits	800	•+35	34.3	4.3	..
1.288.9m	Minorco	776	+74	13.1	1.7	..
31.9m	Nthgate Explor	450	+80	..	..	..
—	Peko Wallsend	294	+28	..	..	..
426.4m	Pres Brand	£30⅛	+⅛	222	7.3	..
471.5m	Pres Steyn	£32⅛	+1⅛	294	6.9	..
54.5m	Rand Mine Prop	440	+29	17.5	4.0	..
444.5m	Randfontein	£82⅛	+5⅛	631	7.7	..
—	Renison	193	+9	..	..	..
1.191.5m	Rio Tinto Zinc	517	+60	22.9	4.4	..
563.9m	Rustenburg	450	+95	23.7	5.3	..
263.4m	St Helena	£27⅛	..	237	8.7	..
129.3m	Sentrust	718	+59	47.9b	6.7	..
40.7m	SA Land	444	+15	30.1	6.8	..
981.5m	Southvaal	£37⅛	+1	159	4.2	..
—	Southwest	38	-1	..	..	..
6.313.000	Sungei Besi	185	•+5	7.5	4.0	..
1.488.000	Tanjong Tin	100	..	5.0	5.0	..
220.0m	Transvaal Cons	£25½	+1⅛	135	5.3	..
231.6m	UC Invest	£11½	+1⅛	73.1	6.3	..
1.337.1m	Vaal Reefs	£70⅛	+½	441	6.3	..
57.1m	Venterspost	£11⅛	•+⅛	65.0	5.7	..
4.306.000	Wankie Colliery	17	..	4.6	26.8	..
226.7m	Welkom	862	+36	44.5	5.2	..
14.1m	W Rand Cons	334	-19	11.2	3.3	..
141.4m	Western Areas	351	+34	5.7	1.6	..
986.8m	Western Deep	£38⅛	+2⅛	170	4.4	..
485.4m	Western Hldgs	£34⅛	+2⅛	245	7.1	..
635.5m	Western Mining	238	+39	1.4	0.6	..
315.9m	Winkelhaak	£25⅛	+1⅛	150	6.1	..
25.7m	Zambia Copper	21	+3	..e	..	..

OIL

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
26.7m	Ampol Pet	91	+4	3.4	3.8	22.2
1.989.000	Ansil	53	+5	..	..	..
—	Atlantic Res	125	+5	..	..	..
9.938.000	Berkeley Exp	100	..	..e	..	..
10.8m	Brit Borneo	242	+4	18.3	7.6	12.8
5.631.8m	B P.	310	+14	28.9	9.3	5.2
200.1m	Burmah Oil	139	+6	12.1	8.7	6.7
76.6m	Carless Capel	124	+10	3.9	3.2	28.3
16.3m	Century Oils	71	+1	4.8	6.8	7.7
14.2m	Charterhall	37	+3	0.4	1.2	..
64.0m	Charterhse Pet	80	+4	1.1	1.3	24.8
287.6m	CF Petroles	£11⅛	+⅛	292	25.1	0.7
—	Collins K.	19	-2	..	..	..
121.3m	Global Nat Res	£5	+1⅛	..	..	..
20.0m	Goal Petroleum	60	+10	..	..	..
17.6m	KCA Int	49	-3	7.9	16.0	..
225.4m	Lasmo	307	+25	15.0	4.9	7.6
60.0m	Do Ops	£5	+⅛	178	22.2	..
9.666.000	New Court Nat	29	+1	1.4	4.9	11.5
6.495.000	Petrocon Grp	110	+2	4.3	3.9	10.8
33.7m	Premier Cons	29	..	..	..	37.2
275.0m	Ranger Oil	425	+70	..	..	..
6.391.0m	Royal Dutch	£23⅛	+2⅛	123	5.2	4.2
4.839.1m	Shell Trans	438	+36	7.9	1.8	29.0
148.7m	Tricentrol	176	+22	12.0b	6.8	7.6
8.600.000	TR Energy	45	+4	..	..	32.8
561.3m	Ultramar	521	+15	19.3	3.7	6.5
64.6m	Weeks Petrol	148	•+8	..	..	9.3

PROPERTY

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
17.8m	Allied Ldn	84	+2	2.2	2.6	10.8
64.0m	Allnatt Ldn	160	+8	7.4	4.6	14.7
4.209.000	Anglo Met	74	..	2.9	3.9	39.4
10.4m	Apex	97	+4	2.9	2.9	34.2
7.788.000	Aquis	31	+2½	1.6	5.1	20.9
56.2m	Bradford Prop	242	+4	7.6	3.1	16.0
80.1m	British Land	77	+2	0.7	0.9	13.6
76.8m	Brixton Estate	99	+2	5.2	5.3	18.8
103.6m	Cap & Counties	135	+5	5.4	4.0	17.8
63.1m	Chesterfield	315	+15	11.1	3.5	30.2
38.4m	Churchbury Est	510	+40	19.3	3.8	56.1
8.786.000	Control Secs	45	..	4.5	10.0	12.1
21.7m	Country & New T	48	+1	1.3	2.7	72.7
22.9m	Daejan Hldgs	141	+10	6.8	4.8	7.5
16.5m	Espley-Tyas	83	+2	6.0b	7.2	4.0
10.8m	Estates & Gen	60	+3	2.6	4.4	..
19.3m	Evans of Leeds	59	+1	3.6	6.1	11.8
194.4m	Gt Portland	138	+4	7.1b	5.2	25.8
36.6m	Greycoat City	114	+2	1.4	1.3	64.0
6.832.000	Guildhall	112	..	7.9b	7.1	13.0
322.1m	Hammerson 'A'	655	+15	18.6b	2.8	37.1
111.6m	Haslemere Ests	384	•+2	10.2	2.7	26.2
16.7m	Kent M. P.	39	-1	1.8	4.6	4.1
95.2m	Laing Props	171	+6	6.8	4.0	19.5
991.2m	Land Securities	288	+8	12.4	4.3	26.5
34.3m	Ldn & Prov Sh	265	+3	3.4	1.3	63.2
42.1m	Ldn Shop	133	+1	8.2b	6.2	18.2
18.8m	Lynton Hldgs	190	+8	5.4b	2.8	23.7
404.3m	MEPC	198	+6	10.4	5.2	19.4
14.2m	McKay Secs	101	..	4.1	4.0	30.4
4.994.000	Markheath	170	..	19.5	11.5	..
7.734.000	Marlborough	36	+1	0.6	1.6	30.0
3.012.000	Marler Estates	77	..	2.9	3.7	7.4
5.658.000	Mountleigh	113	..	7.9b	7.0	7.5
4.258.000	Municipal	880	..	11.8	1.3	32.3
12.7m	North British	92	+2	4.4	4.8	41.1
38.1m	Peachey Prop	131	+6	7.5	5.7	20.2
36.4m	Prop & Rever	134	..	4.7	3.5	29.3
52.7m	Prop Hldgs	138	•+2	5.5	4.0	24.9
45.4m	Prop Sec	102	+7	2.6	2.5	28.8
4.699.000	Raglan Prop	8	-¼	..	..	6.6
4.667.000	Regional	186	• ..	3.7	2.0	41.3
29.6m	Do A	183	•+1	3.7	2.0	40.7
13.0m	Rosehaugh	179	..	3.5	2.0	7.3
18.3m	Rush & Tomkins	166	+12	6.3	3.8	17.1
78.4m	Scot Met Props	89	-1	5.0b	5.6	21.5
174.5m	Slough Ests	95	+3	4.5b	5.0	17.2
12.3m	Standard Secs	107	..	2.0	1.9	51.4
157.5m	Stock Conv	301	+6	6.4	2.1	23.4
102.4m	Town & City	29¼	+¼	1.0b	3.4	..
5.054.000	Trust Secs	76	+2	2.8	3.7	4.4
14.6m	Do Dfd	73	+1	..	..	..
4.116.000	Webb J.	16	..	0.7	4.6	9.6

RUBBER

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
28.2m	Barlow Hldgs	60	+8	4.6	7.7	..
12.6m	Castlefield	420	+15	20.0	4.8	..
253.2m	Cons Plant	54½	+2½	3.4	6.1	..
850.000	Doranakande	112	• ..	4.3	3.8	..
217.5m	Highlds & Low	72	+3	3.9	5.4	..
4.950.000	Hongkong	550	..	35.7	6.5	..
3.740.000	Killinghall	475	+25	14.3	3.0	..
9.771.000	Majedie	63	+3	4.3	6.8	..

TEA

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
11.0m	Camellia Inv	435	..	8.6	2.0	..
10.2m	McLeod Russel	254	..	10.7	4.2	..
4.791.000	Do 8.4% Cnv Pf	109	..	12.0	11.0	..
1.607.000	Moran	288	..	1.4r	0.5	..
968.000	Surmah Valley	121	..	5.7	4.7	..

MISCELLANEOUS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
1.342.000	Essex Wtr 3.5%	£37½	+½	500	13.3	..
37.0m	Gt Nthn Tele	£22	..	84.0	3.8	10.6
204.5m	Imp Cont Gas	158	..	13.1	8.3	8.1
725.000	Milford Docks	93	+5	0.7	0.8	..
2.039.000	Nesco Inv	98	-5	10.0	10.2	..
—	Sunderlnd Wtr	£37½	..	500	13.3	..

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

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cord total tankers 'apped

By Barrie Clement

with a deep recession in trade and plunging scrap tanker owners are making rate attempts to save their from breakers' yards. y owners are converting vessels to novel uses.

record 25 million tons dweight of both tanker and nbination carriers were apped last year.

A survey by the International sociation of Individual Tank- Owners (Intertanko) of 145 nversions representing ships 10.16 million deadweight ns showed that between 1973 d 1982 some 42 combination rriers were converted to bulk rriers, while 29 oil tankers of 99 million deadweight tons came storage, production or ll ships. A furhter 12 were nverted to carriersof live- ck.

Other tankers were rebuilt as p and sludge carriers, tanker aning stations, cement car- rs and roll-on, roll-off vessels.

Intertanko cites the example a midship section of a very, ge carrier being converted to drilling platform for Dome troleum's Ice Island in the aufort Sea.

In a discussion paper entitled ternative Tanker Oppor- nities published today, the sociation warns that convert- g vessels to bulk cargo "only ifts the problem from one oubled shipping sector to nother". It calls for greater genuity in the search for ternative uses.

Last year 13 conversions ere reported, including six volving tankers over 100,000 ns deadweight. Three of them came storage barges, two were nverted with heavy-lift ships, d another became a drill oduction vessel. This was in arp contrast to 1981, when e emphasis was on conversion bulk and oil carriers

MF loan team eaves Riyadh

Riyadh (Reuter) – An Inter- tional Monetary Fund del- ation left Riyadh yesterday er talks with Saudi Arabian ders on the possibility of a udi loan to keep developing untries troubled by balance of yments deficits.

Monetary sources in ashington have said the legation was seeking a loan of tween $4,000m and $5,000m.

The delegation was led by Sir offrey Howe the Chancellor, his capacity as chairman of IMF's interim committee.

March 8 or 15 thought likely date for Budget

Tax cut hopes dampened by slide in sterling

By Michael Prest

Another early Budget is likely this year, and March 8 or 15 are the most popular dates being suggested in Whitehall.

But the continuing pressure on sterling, which could mean an acceleration in inflation and higher wage settlements in the second half of the year, is dampening already reduced hopes for significant tax cuts.

Forecasts by Capel-Cure Myers, the stockbrokers, suggest that the rate of retail price increases could fall to as low as 4 per cent during the first half of this year before averaging 6 per cent in the second half. It will then rise to an average 7.5 per cent next year.

Earnings are expected to grow by an average of 7.5 per cent this year and 7.8 per cent next year, rather less than the 12.8 per cent in 1981 and 9.1 per cent last year.

Unemployment, restrictions on public sector pay settlements, and a decline in inflationary expectations will hold pay increases in check, the stockbrokers say.

But these and similar forecasts could easily be upset if sterling depreciates more quickly than anticipated. The Capel-Cure Myers figures are premised on the pound falling to 80 on the trade-weighted index by the end of this year and to 78 by the end of next year.

Last week, however, the pound slid from 84.3 to 82.5 and it was widely felt in the offering exchange markets that the depreciation would not stop there. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor, is therefore faced with uncomfortable decisions about interest rates immediately ahead of a Budget.

Even if the pound's decline is arrested – perhaps by further cuts in American and German interest rates – and the risk of tax cuts overstimulating demand is lowered, the Government may still be deterred from tax cuts by the cost of financing unemployment and other benefits while the economy is depressed.

These extra costs could amount to £900m, and another £400m should be allowed for inflation. But if gross domestic product grows as anticipated by 1.5 per cent in the coming financial year, the Government should gain automatically enough additional revenue to cover the expenditure.



Sir Geoffrey: awkward decisions ahead.

Those hoping for or arguing tax cuts therefore contend that the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement will not suffer.

Against a probable result in the present financial year of £7.500m, the Government could allow the PSBR to rise to £8.500 in 1983-4. At that level it would still be only 2.9 per cent of gross domestic product.

A PSBR of this size allows for tax cuts of 2 pence in the pound. The Institute of Directors will ask Sir Geoffrey on Thursday to lower tax thresholds. But the Treasury is believed to be resisting strongly various kinds of export incentives to leading British companies.

If that is the official mood, a generous Budget is felt to be unlikely.

Wine traders seek sherry tax cut

The Wine and Spirit Association is to lobby the Chancellor for lower taxation on fortified wines such as sherry, vermouth and port because of falling sales, described as "persistent and serious".

The latest figures for the UK wine market–for October–show that volume sales of medium wines (those such as sherries and vermouths.

Nimslo to make camera in France

By Our Financial Staff

Nimslo, which last week said it was ending production of its 3D Camera at the Timex plant in Dundee, announced yesterday that it had signed a contract with Fralsen, a French company, to make the camera in France. The camera is also expected to be available in Europe several months earlier than previously indicated.

Workers in Dundee and the British Government, which provided Nimslo with financial assistance, may not be too pleased at the news, but shareholders in Nimslo, who saw the shares slump to 90p last Friday after a high of 275p in 1982, will take heart from the assurance that the company will be profitable in 1983.

Mr Graham Dowson, deputy chairman of Nimslo International, said yesterday: "Recent development will make 1983 a good and profitable year". This included agreements with two Japanese companies, Sunpak and Ricoh, to manufacture the camera.

Nimslo has sold 100.000 cameras in the United States, its only market, since the launch in March. They retail at about $240 (£151) each. Sales are said to be rising, and Sunpak and Ricoh will have the capacity to produce one million cameras a year between them.

Nimslo claim that the Japanese companies can produce the cameras to better standards and more cheaply. It therefore expects that the retail price will fall. Sunpak has already delivered cameras to the United States and Ricoh is tooling up for production to start in the summer.

Fralson is unlikely to begin production until next year. But the contract will bring Nimslo an initial payment of fr36m (£3.6m) and fr17.6m for 14 years. Fralsen is owned by Mr Fred Olsen, the Norwegian businessman who is a mojor shareholder in Mimslo and is also owner of the Timex factory.

Japan will, initially at least, produce the camera for Europe – for Britain, France and Belgium.

Whitehall officials declined to comment last night, but comparisons with the De Lorean debacle in Belfast, albeit on a smaller scale, are expected to be made. Nimslo says it withdrew from Dundee because of labour relations problems.

News in brief

The economy

President Reagan must decide this week whether to change economic course and embark on a programme of tax increases and other revenue producers in a bid to spark the long-awaited US recovery. Five of the president's closest advisers have said that the record US deficit of $200.000m will continue to grow and interest rates rise if such action is not included in Mr Reagan's 1984 budget statement which must be finalized this week.

International

Greece's Socialist government announced a 15.4 per cent devaluation yesterday of the drachma against all currencies The announcement was given in an unscheduled briefing by Mr Dimitrios Maroudas chief government spokesman.

Markets

Britain's retailers, having had a record Christmas, are now concerned that Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor will help industry rather than consumers in his spring Budget in an effort to discourage imports. Pressure on the pound could also force up interest rates which would reverse the recent trend of higher consumer spending.

Companies

The National Coal Board is to receive a new subsidy of £20m a year form the Government because a new Scottish power station is being run on cheap North Sea gas feedstock rather than coal. The Peterhead power station will use the gas liquids until 1985 and the coal board says it could lose sales of up to 2 million tonnes a year to the South of Scotland Generating Board.

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY – **Interims:** Brown and Tawse, Carclo Engineering, Ellis and Everard, Murray Northern Investment Trust, H Samuel. **Finals:** Claverhouse Investment Trust, Cosalt, Espley-Tyas, London Scottish Finance Corporation, Sotheby Parke Bernet.

TOMORROW – **Interims:** Centrovincial Estates, Hogg Robinson Group, Stead and Simpson. **Finals:** Stakis.

WEDNESDAY – **Interims:** Danae Investment Trust, Hales Properties, Hollas Group, Laganvale Estates, Magnet and Southerns, Moorgate Investment Trust, Ratners (Jewellers). **Finals:** Investors Capital Trust, Kennings Estates, M and G Dual Trust, Oakwood.

THURSDAY – **Interims:** James H Dennis, Greene King and Sons, Jones Stroud, London Investment Trust, Symonds Engineering, John Waddington, Henry Wigfall. **Finals:** Evode Group, Robert H Lowe, M and G Group, Muirhead.

FRIDAY – **Interims:** Peter Black, Guiness Peat, Thorn EMI. **Finals:** Abbey Panels Investment, Associated Newspapers (amended), Dewhurst and Partners, Warner Holidays, Legal General.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 621.0

FT Gilts: 80.11

FT All Share: 396.42

Bargains: 24,042

Tring Hall USM Index 150.0

Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 8,169.29

Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 798.86

New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average 1076.07 (Friday's close)

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Index 82.5
DM 3.7625
FrF 10.67
Yen 368.75

Dollar
Index 116.9
DM 2.3367

Gold
$465.50

NEW YORK

Sterling $1.60
Gold $466.25
(Friday's close)

Demerger study by UDS

By Our Financial Staff

Proposals for a demerger of its £50m to £70m worth of investment properties are being studied by UDS, the high street retailer, on the end of an unwelcome £191m takeover bid from a City consortium.

Last week, the consortium headed by Mr Gerald Ronson's Heron Corporation and including a number of leading City institutions, launched its surprise bid worth 100p a share – about half the group's estimated net asset value.

Sir Robert Clark: new chairman

However, UDS, headed by Sir Robert Clark, its new chairman who is also chairman of the group's merchant bank advisers Hill Samuel, issued a swift rebuff describing the offer as inadequate.

The demerger plan is expected to form a significant part in the UDS defence by encouraging shareholders to reject the consortium bid

UDS is also preparing a revaluation of all its properties with the help of surveyors Healey & Baker. At present the group's freehold and leasehold properties at £256m, but a revaluation is expectd to help lift the group's net asset value – 168p a share in the last accounts – to about 200p a share.

Stores have record Christmas but worry about the Budget

By Jonathan Clare

Christmas 1982 was a record for retailers, at least in terms of inflated cash passing through the tills.

Retail analysts have been busy upping their forecasts for the stores sector this year, but they are still not wholly bullish.

A year ago, retailers went into the January sales overstocked. This year they sold most of their stock before the sales started and they will begin the new financial year, which usually starts in February, with a lot of cash which will be reflected in year-end balance sheets.

The big beneficiaries have been the electrical retailers where the lifting of hire purchase restrictions gilded the Christmas lilly. The picture was also brightened by the much better weather.

The worries for the sector are that the Chancellor will help industry rather than consumers in the Budget so as not to encourage imports. On the other hand, industry has no votes and the likelihood of a general election could change his mind.

Further, pressure on the pound this year could force interest rates up again. Although there are now signs that people are borrowing to buy, higher interest rates would certainly reverse that trend.

Stores which benefited from Christmas include Harris Queensway and MFI (they have big January sales) and British Home Stores. Boots, with sales up by only 10 per cent, has done worse than most.

Most analysts are looking for nil inflation on retail prices which means the stores need better volume sales to cover cost increases of about four per cent, even after cutting their staff.

● The government-controlled Development Bank of Singapore and the Overseas Union Bank are raising their prime rates to 9.25 from 9 per cent today. Both banks are also increasing deposit rates.

Yarrow chief leads compensation battle

By Andrew Cornelius

Six British companies seeking higher compensation for assets nationalized by the last Labour Government will present their claims to the European Commission on Human Rights in Strasbourg later this month.

The companies, which include Vickers, GEC, Yarrow and Vosper, will argue that they received inadequate compensation for shipbuilding and aerospace assets nationalized in 1977.

Sir Eric Yarrow, chairman of the Yarrow engineering group, will head a delegation from the British companies. He will contend that the way in which the assets were taken over by the Government contravenes Article 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights. This provides that no one should be deprived of his assets unless it is subject to the conditions provided for by international law.

The Human Rights Commission will ask the European Court of Human Rights to rule on the dispute between the Department of Industry and the companies if a settlement cannot be reached next week.

Sir Eric says his company was "robbed" by the Government. He is claiming compensation of about £20m. The company has already received £6m.

Vosper, another shipbuilding company to lose assets, wants £40m compensation against the £5.3m it has received.

The commission has set aside the week beginning January 24 to take oral evidence from representatives of the companies.

Crackdown on Taiwan counterfeits

By Craig Seton

Taiwan has announced tougher penalties for trade mark infringements in what it claims is a demonstration of its determination to eliminate counterfeiting. The practice has harmed the country's image on international markets.

According to government officials in Taipei, the Prime Minister, Mr Sun Yun-suan, asked for the new laws to be passed without delay. A spokesman, who denied that Taiwan was willing to tolerate such "piracy", said: "We are sure that tougher penalties will discourage the illegal business that has smeared Taiwan's good reputation."

The new legislation includes an increase in the maximum prison sentence for those who counterfeit trade marks registered in Taiwan from two to five years. Those who counterfeit unregistered trade marks will face imprisonment of up to three years.

Foreign companies, particularly those in the West, have been sceptical of Taiwan's determination to stamp out counterfeiting, but the Government says that in the first nine months of last year 102 violators were brought to court. Recently, police are said to have raided three shops selling fake Rolex and Cartier watches after the two companies had complained.

Officials say that the Ministry of Justice is to sue six Taiwan manufacturers for allegedly counterfeiting the goods of Delsey, the French manufacturer of ABS attache cases. However, 19 local producers of milling machines are to defend themselves against a suit filed by Textron, one of the leading companies producing the machines in the United States.

£20m 'subsidy' for coal board

By Jonathan Davis, Energy Correspondent

The Government has agreed to pay up to £20m a year in subsidies to the National Coal Board to compensate for the fact that a new Scottish power station is being run on cheap North Sea gas feedstock.

The Peterhead power station, which was originally designed to burn oil, has been using natural gas liquids from the Brent area of the North Sea since it was completed in the autumn. The gas liquids are eventually scheduled to be piped to Shell/Esso's controversial Mossmorran petrochemical plant in Fife, but until the plant is completed – in 1985 – they are being sent as an interim measure as fuel to the Peterhead station.

The coal board says that it stands to lose sales of up to 2 million tonnes a year to the South of Scotland Generating Board – a quarter of its Scottish power station business. The reason is that without the cheap North Sea gas feedstock, the generating board would not find it economic to run the Peterhead plant on more expensive oil, and would therefore have to generate more electicity at its other Scottish coal-fired station.

Although the subsidy has only come to light with the start-up of generation at Peterhead, the agreement to pay it dates back to February 1981 when the Government backed down in the face of threatened strike action by miners over the coal board's pit closure programme.

The subsidy was part of the subsequent tripartite settlement between the Gavernment, the coal board and the National Union of Mineworkers. It will be included in the board's overall deficit grant, expected to reach £526 in this financial year.

The subsidy works out at about £10 per tonne or a quarter of the average production costs of Scottish coal. It is calculated as the difference between the price the coal board would have got from the generatintg board, and the national price at which it can now theoretically export the coal.

Part of the Department of Energy's rationale for the subsidy is that the gas from Brent and its neighbouring North Sea fields would otherwise have to be wastefully "flared off". Critics will see it as a means of delaying pit closures in Scotland.

Institutions shy of road plans

By Our Financial Staff

The Government will find the big financial institutions far less amenable to pumping private cash into road-building schemes than it hoped in October when it set up a study.

Institutional investment managers who have considered the idea say they would demand a high level of guaranteed return as part of the price of supporting road development.

One fund manager said: "Our impression is we've discovered a need for a much larger guaranteed return than you might have expected a few months ago".

Funding road-building schemes carries a higher degree of risk than institutions would normally accept because of the difficulty of forecasting traffic levels and inflation accurately over long periods.

Tolls are politically unacceptable and the financial backers would almost certainly be paid by royalties based on the number of vehicles using the road.

In any event, the cost to the Government of using private money would be greater than using public funds.

Charterhouse Japhet, the merchant bank commissioned by the Government to advise it on what terms the institutions might accept, has submitted an interim report, but so far avoided contacting the institutions direct.

Charterhouse has outlined to the Department of Transport two broad strategies which it thinks could be put to the institutions. They will be asked what they think over the next two months before the final report is made to the DoT.

The bank's first suggestion is a scheme where the construction companies would shoulder some of the financial risk together with the institutions.

The second would keep the financing separate from the building work.

The difficulty with the first scheme is that it would be difficult to separate the benefits the construction industry is getting from the actual work from those it gets from finance activities.

Asian growth linked to US recovery

Singapore (AP Dow-Jones) Asia will once more lead the world in economic growth in 1983, with Singapore leading the region, according to a new report. But much of that growth will depend upon a recovery in the United States and Europe.

The report, Asian Economic Trends, by the Chemical Bank, predicts that the total gross national product of all Asian countries will rise by 3.5 per cent this year, against 3 per cent in 1982 and 4 per cent in 1981. The total rise in Asian gnp is put at $82,000m, equally divided between the developed and developing countries.

The report puts Japan, Australia and New Zealand in the "developed" and all others in the "developing" category.

It says that most Asian countries should experience better growth in 1983 than 1982, with Australian and Papua New Guinea the only ones likely to have a real decline in their gnp figures.

The forecast is partly based on the assumption that the US economic recovery will begin in the first half of the year. This is important because 22 per cent of Asian exports are bought by the US, says the report. It also assumes modest recovery in Europe and warns that there are "significant risks" to its outlook since "the US and Europe could remain in recession during most of all of 1983."

Should that occur, non-oil commodity prices could remain near present low levels, instead of experiencing a "very moderate pickup". Oil prices, the forecast says, are "likely to be steady or down slightly". That would be beneficial to most of Asia, but Indonesia and Malaysia would be "substantially constrained" by low prices for their oil exports.

Although protectionism will continue to be a problem, the report foresees Asian trade growing the most rapidly of any world region. It predicts a gain in overall world trade of 4 per cent, with non-oil developing Asian countries experiencing a 6 to 7 per cent increase in trade volume.

Most countries – except Japan, China and Taiwan – will continue to run current account deficits but these should be smaller in 1983 than 1982, except in Thailand and Singapore.

The Chemical Bank report points out that many countries will seek to readjust or restructure their economies to improve their "financial situations and external account positions." These readjustments, while favouravble for the long-term, will probably mean slower near-term growth.

The report forecasts an average inflation rate of 5.5 per cent in the developing nations and 4 per cent for the three developed countries.

The region's current account balance will probably improve, the report says, with Japan making "the largest improvement" But high import levels for many countries will limit the amount of improvement.

The report forecasts that Japan will find exports a more important factor in its growth this year than in 1982, despite protectionist sentiments.

Car sales ride on easier HP

By Our Financial Staff

A boom in car sales following last July's lifting of hire purchase restrictions led to a 4.7 per cent rise in new car registrations in 1982. However, imports have continued to take a growing share of the United Kingdom market, according to figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

The relaxation of credit controls last summer, aimed at boosting the severely depressed motor industry, came when car sales were running 2.1 per cent below the previous year.

After the Government's measures new car sale topped 300.000 in a month for the first time in August and showed big increases for the rest of the year.

However, total sales of 1.56m in 1982 were still well below the record of 1.72m in 1979 and below levels reached in 1972, 1973 and 1978.

The stimulus to demand also fed through to higher imports, including imports from Ford, Talbot and Vauxhall, car imports in 1982 rose to 57.5 per cent of all sales compared with 55.7 per cent the previous year.

Last year's best-selling car was the Ford Escort which sold 166.942 followed by Ford Cortina with 135.745 sales. BL's Austin Metro took third place with sales of 114,550. Four of 1982's top ten best-sellers were Ford cars.

The SMMT figures show a drop in BL's market share of new car registrations in 1982 from 19.2 per cent to 17.8 per cent.

President faces week of decisions on budget

Call to dilute Reaganomics for recovery

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Faced with record general deficits which could delay the long-awaited US recovery President Reagan must take the tough decision this week of whether to stay with his economic policies or to change course.

Five of Mr Reagan's closest advisers, alarmed by ballooning deficits estimated at $200,000m (£124,804m) and above, are now urging the President to abandon key parts of his supply-side programme in favour of tax increases and other revenue producers.

Without such action and big new cuts in defence spending, the outlook is gloomy.

The US deficits will continue to grow, interest rates will rise again, and the recovery will be stymied according to projections given to the President by Mr David Stockman, head of the Office of Management and Budget.

Mr Reagan must act finally this week on his 1984 budget message to Congress in order to meet the printing deadline for submission of the documents by January 31.

But last week, in a nationally televised news conference and in a series of White House meetings with advisers, Mr Reagan indicated he had not been able to make up his mind on the key issues of tax increases and defence cuts.

Mr Reagan has scheduled another series of last-minute meetings this week at which he will be presented with a new proposal, favoured by the Treasury Secretary and others, for selected tax increases, sources said.

Earlier, in his Press conference last week, Mr Reagan indicated he was wavering in his normally hardline stance against such changes.

Reagan: time for decision

Indeed, five of Mr Reagan's closest advisers who were early supporters of his economic programme, have urged him to abandon key components of what has come to be known as "Reagonomics" in order to spur a recovery.

These included the Secretaries of State and Treasury in addition to the chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers and Senator Paul Laxalt, Mr Reagan's closest ally in Congress, who described the projected deficit as "a little terrifying".

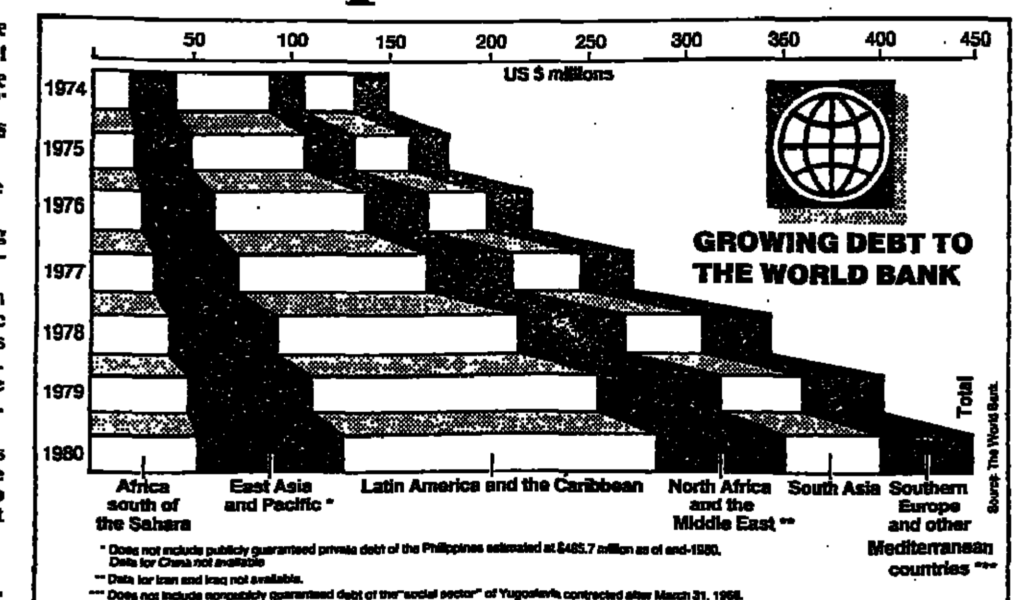
At a news conference dominated by economic concerns, Mr Reagan promised for the first time publicly that he would not allow the "Federal budget to become a roadblock on the path to long-term economic recovery."

But Mr Reagan did not indicate how he planned to cut the budget or spur the recovery, saying only that he would agree to look at the Pentagon's budget and cut it only if it could be cut without endangering US military standing.

World Bank struggles within $60,000m lending constraint

How poor nations 'pole vault' into debt

The World Bank is the world's biggest aid agency. But the bank and its soft loan arm, the International Development Association, are having difficulty raising funds to help the poorest countries through the recession. Mr A. W. "Tom" Clausen, the bank's president, explains to Bailey Morris how much the bank needs and how it will be spent.



Q: I'd like to start with your perspective of just how bad conditions in the poorest countries are at the moment? This obviously is very important as you are beginning your new negotiations on the 7th tranche of development fund for less developed countries.

A: Yes. Well, I have likened it on a comparative basis to a pole vault. The strongest countries have got the hundred yards they need to run to make the vault. But the poorest of the poor countries, instead of having a 100 yds, have got just three yards to run, to make the vault or perhaps, 18 ft. And it is almost impossible.

So the margin for the poorest of the poor countries is very slim. Especially in the times we find ourselves of slow economic growth, pervasive protectionism interest rates still at historic highs, commodity prices at the lowest point that we have found them in three-and-a-half decades. And so the tendency of the poorest countries which are suffering from a lack of foreign exchange is to push for more volume which further supresses prices because of lack of demand.

Q: What does this do to their foreign exchange position?

A: The other side of trade in foreign exchange earnings is debt servicing. The acceptability of the international market place is becoming more cautious, more wary, and therefore there are greater pressures on developing countries to maintain their creditworthiness and debt servicing ability. And so to reduce the strain on their external borrowings they are going for import restrictions. They are trying to export more and import less. If every country follows this trend, you know, it is self-defeating.

Q: The 1930s again?

A: Yes, we are in a self-fulfilling exercise. We are in this negative spiral. It raises the question, how do we burst out of it? We have got to find a way. What we need to have is non-inflationary growth. We need a growth cycle. The world is in great shape even despite the bleak period that we are in now. It is a far better world today than it was in the pits of the 1930s.

Q: In other words, living standards and standards generally have risen.

A: On a global basis it has been outward growing. But now we are caught up within this negative spiral which is tough. And the poorest nations in the world don't have the margin, the manoeuverability.

Q: You have made statements before saying that banks are cutting off loans and funding to countries, and that they ought not to be doing that.

A: As a fear, yes.

Q: May I follow that fear factor, and ask you if you don't think that some of these banks need to bear more responsibility for what has happened?

A: Yes. I have said clearly it is time for banks to be cautious because the external environment suggests caution. There are concerns, there ought to be concerns. But it is very clearly not the time for banks to circle their wagons and retreat.

I don't think that is happening among the international banks. But in some of the regional banks and smaller banks that have just started to get their toes in the water, vis-a-vis the international scene, I think there is evidence of a pull-back.

So it is a maintenance problem. I think the Third World countries will need additional funds, additional credit, not just to hold what we have.

Q: To get through the period?

A: Yes, to get through the period. And that is why our institutions have been exploring ways for the World Bank to enter into a new partnership with commercial banks.

Q: I want to take you back to the worrisome condition of the world debt structure and get you to reflect a bit. In Toronto, there was a commitment to keep the channel of this money flowing out to third world markets.

You have just indicated that among the smaller banks there is a pulling back. Can you tell me how successful the follow-up effort has been with these banks and give me the worst possible scenario of what could happen if they do in fact cut off funds to needy countries?

A: I can't give you any evidence. I can merely point to the literature that is being written on this subject.

Q: But aren't some of these countries caught in a vicious circle? I mean, they've got this external debt problem and yet you want to exert some controls. Are they able to pull back at this point? or are they just staying afloat – Just barely hanging together?

A: I would say that very clearly *what all countries need to do in* this environment is to adjust. I underline this for all. Adjustment takes a lot of forms. There are some countries that are borrowing heavily on the outside and are subsidizing consumption on the inside.

Q: Can you give an example?

A: Countries which are permitting the consumption of energy, be it electricity or gasoline, at prices that are only a fraction of the international market place. Countries in which food consumption is being subsidized way under costs.

Q: Do you worry that some of these countries who have criticized what they describe as very heavy-handed IMF involvement in their internal policies, might also begin to regard the World Bank in a similar way?

A: We must be sensibly sensitive and sensitively sensible.

Q: Which means?

A: Well, it means different things to different countries, depending upon the circumstances.

Every country is different, and very clearly no one is in favour of heavy hands. But what is heavy-handed in one country is not heavy-handed in another. I have yet to visit a country where there hasn't been some very good, solid comment upon a policy dialogue that we've had. It's called software.

Those countries that are willing to make adjustments – difficult though they may be – are the ones we really want to help.

Q: Yes. But in the broader context, doesn't that also mean that given the economic conditions of the day, the international institutions are exerting more power over the world's policies than they had done in the past plentiful years. And isn't that likely to continue?

A: I would say it is likely to continue and I would even say it must continue in a constructive, eloquent way.

Q: Again, in the broader context, as you sit down to begin negotiating the levels of funding richer nations will channel to the poorer nations, do you sense a different lack of commitment on the part of the industrialized world to the poor countries? Are they pulling back? Is the United States, for example, losing its will to channel more to the poor?

A: I would say that as a general proposition all countries are in difficult situations now. Every country has budgetry constraints. I don't sense that the major countries are losing their will to understand the needs of the Third World countries. I point to IDA 6 and the transition year, and what I think is a very dramatic example of great understanding by 22 to 25 countries which came forward in fiscal year 1984 and said we will come up with an additional two billion dollars for IDA, that can be used for the poorest of the poor countries in the world while we wait for the United States to catch up and pay its commitment.

Q: And much emphasis has been placed by you and others on the level of their participation as a signal to the rest of the world. What happens if the United States decides to greatly curtail its quota?

A: Well, I think that the support of the institution will be severely hurt because I think the United States, in its role of leadership, is absolutely essential and its support for our institutions is essential for its on-going strength.

Q: But what happens if the United States dramatically cuts its quota? Would the other developed countries also cut theirs?

A: Yes. *If the United States* were to drop its percentage of participation who is there to pick it up?

When the strongest nation in the world will not pick up, I am very fearful. I would doubt that there are countries that are willing to pick it up.

Q: In other words, a great deal more money is needed.

A: A great deal more money is needed. China is a new interest in IDA. And so, in real terms, just to maintain the status quo and do nothing, we are talking about *$12 billion*. **Q: I was interested in a point you made recently that what the world now needs, given the malaise economically, is controlled expansion, and I wondered how you think that can be accomplished.**

A: Not easily, but I would ask the other side. Why can't it be done?

Q: Do you sense a willingness among nations, particularly the United States, to reduce their military budget? President Reagan said just the other day he is firmly committed to this build-up.

A: I'm a United States citizen you know. I think there is consensus in the United States that we should spend more for military.

Q: Is this good?

A: We are not saying to reduce military spending greatly but maybe to have the increase go up a bit less. And we are not talking about tens of billions of dollars.

Q: The sense of what you are saying, then, is that the arms build-up is taking precedence over development issues.

A: Yes.

Q: And your job is to try to stop this trend?

A: I argue that over the long term even a bit more money in development assistance will mean less of a necessity to spend for defence in the future because there will be less social unrest, less civil strife and less pressures.

Q: You have set $60 billion in new lending targets. Is that enough to keep these nations afloat?

A: In FY 82 to FY 86?

Q: Yes.

A: The answer is no.

Q: Well, what will you do? Will you seek to expand that?

A: Yes, we are trying to find ways to break out of this $60 billion constraint.

Q: Would that change the mix of programmes you are able to fund. I mean, would the private ***banking sector influence*** **the sorts of projects you are able to fund?**

A: No. I would say not. Maybe it would – very clearly the private sector cannot associate itself with all of the full spectrum of what we do. I think it is not appropriate for the private sector to go into the quicksand, so to speak.

Wall Street letter

Markets convinced the worst is over

The continuing boom in stocks reflects a growing belief in the financial markets that the economic recovery in 1983 will be vastly more robust than the "consensus" of economists and the gloomy official forecast of a 1.4 per cent rise in 1983 real gross national product would have us believe.

The stock markets are saying loud and clear that there is not going to be a recession any more this year. They are also saying corporate profits are going to rise sharply.

The stock market boom has changed character in recent weeks.

Until before Christmas, the stock market boom had been pricipally a "multiples boom", the result of a wholesale revaluation of all financial assets, related in turn to the collapse of interest rates that got under way in earnest in July. With the boom in money growth initiated by a panicky Federal Reserve in July, the collapse of interest rates was soon brought to an end.

Short-term rates stopped falling in August and medium and long-term rates stopped falling in October.

Once that happened, the question arose. "What will happen to stocks? Will they, like bonds, level out in price and stay where they were about October?"

For some weeks, during November and December, it seemed as if this might indeed be the answer. The stock markets largely spent their time churning around 1,000 on the Dow Jones average the closing to two months of 1982.

But now a new force appears to have taken over. That is the belief that there is going to be a very vigorous recovery in 1983 and that profits will rise very sharply as a result. Cyclical stocks like cars and steels are now showing in many cases huge gains in price.

The boisterous optimism of the stock markets is also spreading to the commodities markets. Last Friday, the Commodity Research Bureau index of future prices reached 237.8, its highest level since early September and way up on the low of 226 reached in early October.

Pointing to the belief in a vigorous recovery of industrial production, the CRB index of future metal prices has jumped from 180 in June to 300, a rise of 67 per cent in seven months.

March 1983 copper has risen from 60 cents in early October to 73.4 cents last Friday. Lumber has responded vigorously to the boom in new housing starts.

The buoyancy of gold, silver and platinum needs no emphasis. Since mid-year big fortunes have been made in these precious metals, through the purchase of shares in the mining companies.

During the first quarter of 1983, US car makers announced last week they intend to build 35 per cent more vehicles than in the first quarter of 1982.

New housing starts in November increased 2[illegible].5 per cent to an annual rate of [illegible] million, up 66 per cent from the recession low in November 1981 and the highest level of new starts in 22 months.

Meanwhile, there is no evidence of a significant slackening in the pace of money growth.

The prestigious money analyst, Professor David Meiselman, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, said last week: "The Fed abandoned money supply targets, instead the Fed has gone back to interest rates targeting with a major emphisis on the federal funds rate. The Fed has artificially, and temporarily, push down the funds rate by increasing money and by supplying additional reserves to the banking system. It is clear that the Fed has been actively pursuing a policy of forcing down the funds rate and with it the discount rate as well. If the money supply expands rapidly, then so be it."

Accordingly, to the idea of a "slow, grudging" economic recovery is entirely unrealistic.

The rest of the world will be dragged into the upturn generated by the developing boom in US economic growth. Thecollapsing US dollar will ensure that the domestic US economy gets the first bite at this bright red cherry.

Maxwell Newton

FIXED-INTEREST STOCKS

Stock	Per Cent		Buying Price	Yields Flat	GRY
DEBENTURE STOCKS					
Allied-Ly.	7¼	88/93	75¼	9.91	11.72
Bass	8¼	87/92	82¼	10.34	11.80
BICC	7¾	90/95	73¼	10.60	11.86
Blue Circle	9	92/97	83¼	11.15	11.84
Courtaulds	7	82/87	86	8.35	12.04
Delta Gp.	10¼	95/99	92¼	11.86	12.06
Eng. Prop.	9¼	97/02	85	11.88	12.14
Eust Cen	10¼	92/97	91	11.79	12.14
F F I (UK)	7¼	89/92	77	9.42	11.15
Land Secs.	9	98/01	82	11.31	11.71
MEPC	12	17	26¼	12.19	11.71
Trusthse.	10¼	91/96	94¼	11.44	11.71
UNSECURED LOANS					
Allied-Ly.	7¼	93/98	72	11.08	12.03
BOC Grp	12¼	12/17	23¼	13.11	13.13
Barcl. Bk	16	02/07	119	13.73	13.57
Burmah Oil	8¼	91/96	69¼*	12.07	13.24
Courage	10¼	90/95	88¼*	11.82	12.27
Distillers	7¼	88/93	73¼	10.06	12.06
Distillers	10¼	93/98	92¼	11.75	12.01
Guard. R.	7	86/91	75¼	9.35	11.60
Imp.Chem.	7¼	86/91	78¼	9.59	11.95
Imp. Chem.	10¼	91/96	91*	11.70	12.00
Imp. Group	10¼	90/95	91¼	11.78	12.17
Midl. Bank	14	02/07	106¼	13.34	13.28
Nat. West.	9	93	80¼	11.24	12.37
Reed Inter.	7¼	96/01	68¼	11.32	12.05
Tilling	8¼	89/94	78¼	11.32	12.61
Unilever	7¼	91/06	66¼	11.68	12.10
Whitbread	7¼	95/99	66¼	11.10	12.13
BULLDOGS					
Denmark	13	05	91¼	14.19	14.25
E d F	12¼	08	95¼	13.37	13.41
Hyd-O	12¼	15	18¼	14.33	14.36
Nova S	16¼	11	120¼	14.19	14.14
CNA	16	06	117¼	13.72	13.83
TrnsCn	16¼	07	115	15.05	15.01
CFF	14¼	07	111¼	13.70	13.86

CONVERTIBLE LOANS

					Prem Disc
BOC Grp	9	01/06	140	6.298	3.8
Bell (A)	9¼	98/01	224	4.152	–0.1
B.H.S.	9	92	156¼*	5.808	4.9
Habitat M.	9¼	98/01	173	5.441	3.6
Hanson T.	9¼	01/06	197	4.910	0.5
Imp.Group	8	85/90	91¼	8.703	–1.7
Midl. Bank	7¼	83/93	70	10.523	9.9
Rio Tinto	9¼	95/00	115¼	8.089	17.8
Thorn EMI	7	92/99	119	8.223	8.7
Land Secs.	10	90/95	200	4.958	–2.7

*Ex Dividend
SOURCE: GILBERT ELIOTT & CO.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	10%
Barclays	10%
BCCI	10.25%
Consolidated Crdts	10%
C. Hoare & Co	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
Midland Bank	10.25%
Nat Westminster	10%
TSB	10%
Williams & Glyn's	10%

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6¼%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 7¼%, £50,000 and over, 8¼%

The week ahead

Magnet to reflect housing upturn

Further evidence of an upturn in housebuilding is expected later this week when **Magnet & Southerns**, the timber and joinery group, unveils interim figures.

At present, the market is looking for just over £13m compared with £10.6m last time. Improved volume and healthier margins will account for most of the increase and the group will have enjoyed a period of firmer timber prices.

This, combined with the higher level of housing starts, will alleviate many of the problems in previous years which resulted in a drop in pretax profits from a record *level of £25m in 1980 to £19m* last year.

The interim dividend should be raised *15* per cent and the final payment from 4.7p to 5.5p. For the full year analysts are looking for pretax profits of £26m.

Hogg Robinson, the insurance brokers, are due to report interim figures this week. However, analysts will only be paying lip service to the figures because they will not include the contribution from the firm's underwriting activities.

Estimates stand at around £3.3m compared with last year's £3.1m, but the interim dividend should be held at 4.28p.

Currency fluctuations will play an important part, but the *firm's joint venture in the* United States with Republic Steel may prove disappointing with conditions remaining dull.

It looks as though the worst may now be over at Muirhead, the electromechanical and communications group. Full year figures on Thursday should see profits almost doubled at £1.7m, following evidence of renewed growth in its com*munications and components* side.

Shareholders in the group, which supplies components for Sea King helicopters and Rapier missiles, can also expect a healthy increase in the final dividend from 4.3p to 7.3p gross.

Michael Clark

Eurobond prices (yields and premiums)

STRAIGHT DEBT	Price	YTM
Ford 14¼% 1983	101¼	12.14
ICI 11% 1983	100¼	12.05
Sweden 15¼% 1983	103¼	9.59
Continental Illinois 14¼% 1984 (EW)	103¼	12.17
G.M.A.C. 16¼% 1984	109¼	10.80
Ford 16% 1984	104¼	11.44
C.I.B.C. 14¼% 1984	104¼	10.13
Wells Fargo 15¼% 1984	107	9.89
A.R.D.B. 9¼% 1984	94¼	13.64
I.B.M. World Trade 14¼% 1985	111¼	9.67
British Columbia M.F. 7¼% 1985	94¼	10.26
Elf Aquitaine 8¼% 1985	94¼	11.14
Walt Disney 15¼% 1986	108¼	12.58
Southern Cal. Edison 16¼% 1986	109¼	13.43
Citicorp 16¼% 1986	112¼	12.47
World Bank 10¼% 1987	97¼	10.84
R.C.A. 16¼% 1987	106¼	13.29
Amoco U.K. 15¼% 1988	102¼	12.81
Japanese Dev. Bank 15¼% 1987	115¼	10.55
Montana Power 15¼% 1987	107¼	13.27
Repsteel 11¼% 1988	77¼	18.26
Western Mining 15¼% 1988	106	14.19
Alcoa Australia 16% 1989	107¼	14.06
United Biscuits 11% 1990	93¼	12.34
E.I.B. 16¼% 1991	115¼	13.66
National Westminster 14¼% 1991	112¼	12.33
Ontario Hydro 15¼% 1991	108¼	11.87
Barclays Bank 8¼% 1992	86¼	10.85
Amax 16¼% 1992	109	14.38
Dow Chemicals 9¼% 1994	91¼	10.97
C.N.A. 15¼% 1996	109¼	13.71

CONVERTIBLE BONDS	Conv	Price Prem
Alco Standard 9¼% 1994	147¼	–2.96
Beatrice Foods 4¼% 1992	93	14.71
Eastman Kodak 4¼% 1988(SA)	99	11.46
Ford 5% 1988	87	26.69
Galveston-Houston 8% 1994	88¼	33.78
Lear Petroleum 8% 1989	73¼	40.75
J. P. Morgan 4¼% 1987	126¼	–1.80
Revlon 4¼% 1987	86¼	18.77
Sperry Rand 4¼% 1988	84¼	31.87
Warner Lambert 4¼% 1987	84	48.78
Xerox 5% 1988	80	218.28

FLOATING RATE NOTES	Price	Current Yield
Lloyds Bank 1983	100.50	10.39
B.N.P. 1983	100.37	12.08
Standard & Chart 1984	100.65	10.31
I.B.J. 1985	100.90	10.34
Offshore Mining 1986	100.30	14.77
Midland Bank 1987	100.90	10.22
Credit National 8	99.20	14.95
G.Z.B. 1989	99.50	9.86
Barclays Bank 1990	100.50	10.32
B.N.P. 1991	99.05	11.61
Midland Bank 1992	100.40	10.15
Chase Manhattan 1993	99.40	14.82
Nat West. 1994	100.00	10.80
Barclays Bank 1996	100.50	14.49

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited.

Index up 4.5 despite the quiet

The Tring Hall index managed a 4.5 increase on the week, despite the quiet mood in the City.

The biggest fall of the week was **Nimslo International,** which plunged 30p late on Friday to 90p when the company announced that it was ending production of its camera at the Timex Dundee plant.

In contrast, **Immediate Business Systems** performed well, up 23p on the week to 268p.

Consultants (Computer & Financial) and **Rolfe & Nolan,** both computer companies, continue to be out of favour, but NMW Computers, which came over from the 163 market before Christmas, spurted 20p ahead to 173p.

Another stock which found favour last week was **A & G Security,** the alarm company. Its shares had been performing very strongly but dropped back for no obvious reason recently. Last week they recovered 35p to 300p.

Most oils languished, with the curious exception of **Hadson Petroleum,** which rose 14p to 52p. **Garfunkel's Restaurants,** launched at 55p last November, has been up and down but *last week finished 15p* up at 116p. **Canvermoor** also did nicely with a 16p rise to 131p.

Unlisted Securities Market review

Air Call looks for new frequency

Shareholders in **Air Call,** who saw their shares plunge over 100p to 280p, where they have now stabilized, must be wondering what the future holds for their company.

The loss of the cellular radio contract, which was the reason for the share plunge, was a bitter blow for Mr John Stanley, chairman.

The Air Call, Cable & Wireless and Telephone Rentals consortium lost out to **Racal-/Millicom.**

Mr Stanley, is quick to stress that although not getting the franchise is a disappointment, it is not a devasting blow to future earnings.

It is imperative that the Government should sort out the untidy and inefficient licensing system, Mr Stanley says, as well as issue the new frequencies that will become available as soon as the old 405 television frequencies are shut down.

According to Mr Stanley, the ministers concerned could give the go-ahead to both tomorrow *if they wished.*

Air Call has had talks with the outgoing Home Office Minister, Mr Timothy Raison, since the debacle, it has received assurances that it will get a band of new frequencies, very soon.

Although Mr Stanley is sceptical from previous experience, *hopes that the present* Government's fondness for free enterprise and the entrepreneur will win through.

Certainly, if Air Call is going to continue to expand, its present frequencies must be superseded. Air Call has about 10,000 paging sets and a similar number of two-way radio sets (used in cars, as well as transported manually). If it had some new, better-quality frequencies, it could start competing with Racal's cellular radio venture.

"We are keen that the cellular radio enterprise won't be a flop. After all there is a spin-off for us if Racal makes a success of it," Mr Stanley said.

It is not inconceivable that Racal may need some expert help, as it is a manufacturer, not a manager and operator like Air Call.

And the investment implications of all this? Air Call will be reporting its results in March.

The interims, with pretax profits at £353,000 against £437,000 were not exciting, but Mr Stanley hopes to improve on 1981's £963,000 pretax.

Asprey

Asprey, the top people's shop, reported creditable pretax profits last Friday for the year ending September 30 up 27 per cent to 2.81m, with fractionally improved margins. Mr John Aspey, chairman, said Christmas sales had been slightly better than they were the year before.

Hilaire Gomer

Unlisted Securities Market Change on fortnight

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
14.8m	A & G Security	300	+35	2.5	0.8	56.9
1,620,000	Acsis Jewel	30	..	5.3	27.6	..
5,400,000	Aerospace Eng	135	..	11.8	8.7	8.1
10.7m	Air Call	280	–5	8.0	2.9	12.2
7,078,000	Allied Internat	73	+10	0.7	1.0	67.0
4,436,000	Anglo Nordic	42	+3	2.9	6.9	24.3
57.0m	Asprey & Co	£9½	–¼	20.0	2.1	22.1
15.3m	Baltic Leasing	164	+15	4.0	2.4	24.5
2,934,000	Berkeley & HH	13½	+½	..	..	..
4,065,000	Berkley Exp	100	..	..	..	..
15.0m	Bespak	143	+7	3.6n	2.5	25.0
20.7m	Bio-Isolates	270	..	..	..	..
4,785,000	Black M.	128	..	7.1b	5.6	20.3
—	Booth C.	16	+1	..	..	..
18.1m	Breville Europe	109	–2	7.0	6.4	10.3
6,833,000	Bula Resources	7	..	..	..	..
4,986,000	Business Comp	85	+5	1.4	1.7	12.4
667,000	CAMRA	115	..	..	..	..
39.6m	Candecca Res	136	+13	..	..	..
5,410,000	Canvermoor	131	+16	5.2b	4.0	..
1,034,000	Carlton Real	25	+6	..	..	..
2,395,000	Do 10p Ord	25	+6½	..	..	..
9,350,000	Cass Grp	170	+7	..	..	26.3
3,213,000	Ciro	103	h +6	2.9	2.8	13.4
985,000	City Site Est	27	..	0.7	2.6	34.0
6,617,000	Cluff Oil	58	+2	..	..	..
63.7m	Clyde Petrol	76	+1	0.8	1.0	..
2,630,000	Coleman Milne	53	+4	2.1b	4.0	16.1
1,574,000	Consults (C&F)	150	..	..	..	14.5
8,051,000	C'nil Microwave	800	+10	2.5	0.3	24.0
13.4m	Cornell Dresses	233	+20	..	..	..
2,409,000	Cramphorn	£10	..	28.6	2.9	11.4
3,097,000	Crest Int Sec	8¼	+¼	0.4	4.1	7.9
5,280,000	De Brett A	66	..	3.6	5.4	12.9
1,686,000	Delmar Grp	34	+1	2.4	7.1	..
6,635,000	Dencora	55	+2	..	..	30.6
15.9m	Druck Hldgs	318	..	1.4	0.4	39.2
715,000	Dunton Grp	6¼	..	..	..	29.8
1,169,000	Ecobric Hldgs	100	..	15.0	15.0	12.8
13.0m	Edinburgh Sec	133	+8	0.2	0.2	..
12.3m	Eldridge Pope	587	● +3	15.5	2.6	10.3
3,346,000	Energy Finance	34	● –1	1.9	5.5	5.9
7,089,000	Equipu	160	..	4.4	2.8	18.3
5,135,000	Exeter Building	175	..	7.9	4.5	6.4
18.4m	FKI Elec	267½	+1	0.3b	1.1	..
17.8m	Feedback	213	● +12	2.9	1.3	30.5
686,000	First Talisman	32	..	..	..	..
11.8m	Fitch & Co.	240	+13	4.0	1.7	30.0

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
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4,482	Ass Brit Ind Ord	133	–	6.4	4.8	7.8	10.2
–	Ass Brit Ind CULS	150	–	10.0	6.7	–	–
2,763	Airsprung Group	65	+4	6.1	9.4	7.4	12.7
950	Armitage & Rhodes	38	–	4.3	11.3	4.3	7.5
17,475	Bardon Hill	283	+4	11.4	4.0	12.0	15.1
1,525	CCL 11.0% Conv Pref	122	–1	15.7	12.9	–	–
3,904	Cindico Group	247	–2	17.6	7.1	10.0	11.2
4,643	Deborah Services	60	–3	6.0	10.0	4.0	10.7
4,812	Frank Horsell	151	+1	7.9	5.2	6.3	6.8
8,957	Frederick Parker	62	–	6.4	10.3	3.1	6.0
701	George Blair	38	–1	–	–	6.6	13.8
3,249	Ind Prec Castings	80	–	7.3	9.1	10.3	12.9
3,240	Isis Conv Pref	135	–	15.7	11.6	–	–
3,087	Jackson Group	122	–	7.5	6.2	3.8	7.8
23,463	James Burrough	170	+1	9.6	5.6	12.4	13.8
1,775	Robert Jenkins	177	–2	20.0	11.5	1.9	27.6
3,840	Scruttons "A"	74	–	5.7	7.7	9.6	11.6
2,850	Torday & Carlisle	118	–2	11.4	9.7	5.3	9.1
3,768	Unilock Holdings	24	–	0.46	1.9	–	–
9,562	Walter Alexander	75	–2	6.4	8.5	5.4	7.7
5,928	W. S. Yeates	254	+1	14.5	5.7	6.7	14.1

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APPOINTMENTS

Willis Faber name new directors

Mr A. A. Gregory has become deputy chairman of Willis Faber & Dumas (UK). Mr R. B. Keville becomes deputy chairman of Willis Faber (Underwriting Management).

The following have been appointed executive directors of Willis Faber & Dumas: Mr I. C. Gale, Mr A. Gladwin, Mr J. F. Hughes, Mr B. R. D. Liddell, Mr C. M. London, Mr E. I. J. Moss, Mr A. J. F. Pace, Mr A. Z. Szadkowski, Mr A. D. Troman.

Mr P. R. Stevens has been appointed an executive director of Willis Faber & Dumas (UK). Mr D. Bernard has been appointed an executive director of Willis & Faber (Finance and Administration).

Mr Simon Field Westmacott becomes an assistant director of the Standard Chartered Merchant Bank.

Mr Anthony B. Greayer has joined Hoare Govett as a principal and head of the international department.

Mr Anrew Reid has been appointed commercial director of Brown & Jackson.

Mr Ken Hough, managing director of Ellis & Everard's fine chemicals division, has been appointed chairman of the company's export division. Mr Peter Wood, Ellis & Everard's main board finance director, also joins the export division's board.

Mr M. J. Fuller, general manager for the Midlands and South West divisiom of Midland Bank, has taken charge of the business development division in place of Mr P. J. Nicholson, a general manager, who is to assume responsibility for the London and South East division on the retirement of Mr A. J. Knights. Mr G. A. Gilhespy, a general manager, takes responsibility for the Midlands and South West division.

Mr Andrew Reid has been appointed commercial director of Brown & Jackson.

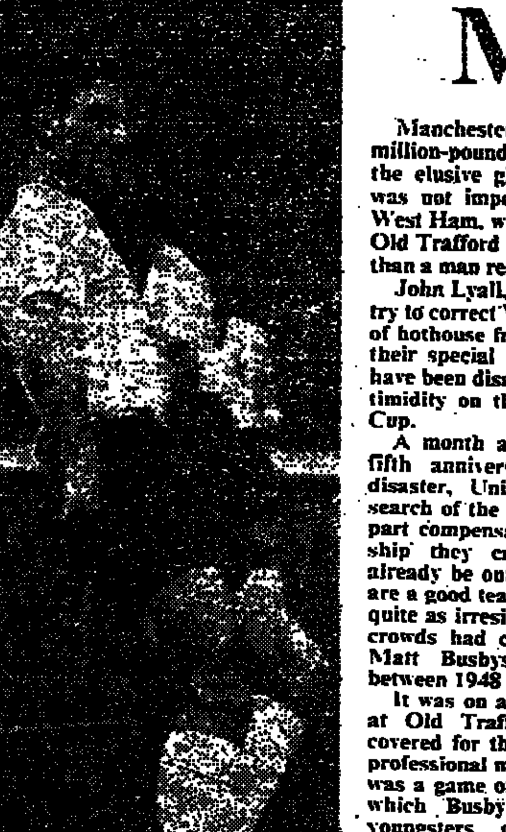
Mr D. R. Pippard has been appointed joint deputy managing director of Butler Till, the money broker. Mr T. E. Ford becomes a director, Mr C. G. Taylor an assistant director and Mr C. J. Reeve an assistant manager.

Mr Iain Macleod has become a director of R. P. Martin Sterling and Mr Andrew Manston has become a director of R. P. Martin Exchange. Mr Christopher King has been appointed manager of the Swiss section of R. P. Martin Deposits.

Mr Rennie Akins, material management director for American Can (UK), and Mr Howard Lomax, director of finance and planning, have been appointed executive directors of the company.

FOOTBALL: SHAPING UP TO THOSE DAYS WHEN, IF YOU WANTED TO GET AHEAD, YOU GOT A BUSBY

Models dressed to kill the game



Duncan Edwards: class of one

Manchester United's multi-million-pound helter-skelter after the elusive glories of former years was not impeded on Saturday by West Ham, who came and went from Old Trafford with little more impact than a man reading a gas meter.

John Lyall, who has done much to try to correct West Ham's reputation of hothouse fragility without erasing their special exotic fragrance, must have been disappointed by his team's timidity on the occasion of the FA Cup.

A month away from the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Munich disaster, United set off again in search of the trophy which would in part compensate for the Championship they crave but which may already be out of reach again. They are a good team but by no means yet quite as irresistable as Old Trafford crowds had come to expect during Matt Busby's unparalleled reign between 1948 and 1969.

It was on a perfect summer's day at Old Trafford in 1956 that I covered for this newspaper my first professional match as a journalist. It was a game of drama and beauty in which Busby's already legendary youngsters defeated Manchester City, the elegant Cup holders, to win the Charity Shield. To have seen that team during their shortlived peak over the next 18 months was to have many of one's ideas about the game shaped irrevocably for a lifetime.

Yet we cannot live in the past. The surprise is that man for man the present United team, are perhaps not so inferior to the revered line-up that regularly mesmerized opposition and spectators before all but three of the current side were born. It is the game, much more than the players, that has changed.

That is why, in today's crisis in football, our condemnation should be reserved not for the players who, like the pianist, are doing their best, but for the administrators, coaches, managers, directors and referees who have conspired to allow negative trends to suffocate the player. That is not to say that some players, as I suggested last week, have not been willing accomplices.

Consider the facts. Gary Bailey is, if not as fine a goalkeeper as Harry Gregg, certainly better than Ray Woods, of ill-fated 1957 Cup Final fame. At right back the young Mike Duxbury may not emulate Bill Foulkes's 567 League appearances but he is a better technician who may well force his way into Bobby Robson's European Championship squad. At stopper Gordon McQueen, one of the most authoritative headers in defence or attack and with the recovery speed to offset his limitations, compares favourably with Mark Jones or Jackie Blanchflower.

Remi Moses is an entirely different player from the quicksilver little Eddie Coleman but a dynamic driving force whom Ray Wilkins will find it hard to displace, especially if United climb on to the crest of a Cup run.

It might seem sacrilege to attempt any comparison between the incomparable Duncan Edwards and Bryan Robson. Edwards was a giant in every way, his spirit, skill and physical presence dominating almost every game he played. Yet Robson, though not the same terror for goalkeepers, was equally a rock on Saturday and is an established international who would come into the reckoning for a place in any team in the world except possibly Brazil's.

Arnold Muhren, unless my memory plays tricks, is even more perceptive than was Bill Whelan (Bobby Charlton, in 1956-7, was still a reserve). If United are still to make their mark on the season it will have to be making more use of the Dutchman's uncanny passing skills down the left flank.

Today's men are as good as yesterday's – it is the outlook that has changed

Given that Johnny Berry – one of only three players in the pre-Munich team for whom Busby paid a fee – played exclusively against old-fashioned, exposed full backs, I would say that Steve Coppel is the better all-round player with a fine tactical awareness of his colleagues. His opportunism opened the door after half an hour on Saturday. Frank Stapleton, who ran on to Robson's through pass 10 minutes into the second half to smash the ball past the admirable Phil Parkes, is at least equal of that excellent centre forward, Tommy Taylor.

It must be said that Dennis Viollet, who had wings in his heels, was in a different class to the promising young Norman Whiteside, babe of the 1982 World Cup. That leaves a contemporary defender, Kevin Moran, who has in effect replaced the extra forward of 20 years ago, Pegg or Scanlon on the left wing.

It will be interesting to see how Ron Atkinson resolves the problem of Ray Wilkins, whose skill is such taht he cannot indefinitely be excluded now that he is fit again. "I'll play anywhere to get back, even goal", Wilkins said after the match. Is Atkinson brave enough to drop a defender and play Wilkins as sweeper?

After teh brittle opening flourish of 10 minutes or so containing all the ingredients which make West Ham so appealing, they progressively wilted and were flattered by a final margin of only two which might well have been double that. Their only achievement was to help perpetuate the notion, stridently pedalled in the North since the days of Bill Shankly, that southern teams become faint-hearted as soon as the train pulls out of Watford.

David Miller



Bryan Robson: class of 83

Harvey's mind may not be on the job

By Paul Newman

Trevor Harvey will start a new job this morning, but few people will criticize him if his mind is not entirely devoted to his work. Harvey, who is beginning a management job with a paper firm in Palmers Green, north London, is also the manager of Bishop's Stortford who tomorrow face Middlesbrough in a third round FA Cup replay.

The Isthmian League club earned the chance to entertain Malcolm Allison's team with a 2-2 draw at Ayresome Park on Saturday, despite trailing 2-0 at half-time. The replay will not be all-ticket, but Stortford are expecting a capacity crowd of about 6,000.

Harvey, whose playing career was by his own admission restricted largely to "pitch 92 at Hackney Marshes", has no special plans for tomorrow's match.

"I won't be seeing the players again until Tuesday and in the meantime I've just told them to relax," he said yesterday. "We'll play our normal game and the result will probably depend on how Middlesbrough adjust to playing on our pitch, which is very tight."

Harvey, who is assisted by John Radford, his former Arsenal and England forward, has built a formidable Cup side in the three and a half years he has been at the Hertfordshire club. Two sesons ago they won the FA Trophy and they have already beaten Reading in this season's FA Cup competition.

Weymouth went out to a 74th minute goal at Cambridge United. Stuart Morgan, the Alliance Premier League club's manager, said yesterday: "We thought we had done enough to earn a replay and several of the lads were close to tears in the dressing room after the game. But we cheered up once we'd had a few beers and stopped at an off licence on the way back. By the time we got to Bournemouth we thought we'd won."

The club now has to solve the dispute with their players over travelling expenses. The case goes to FA arbitration on Friday and Weymouth face a hefty fine at an Alliance League enquiry next week into the postponement of their match at Maidstone United after the players went on strike.

The attempt to cut travelling expenses was made because Weymouth have a bank overdraft of £51,000. The Cup run, which included a 3-2 victory at Cardiff City in the previous round, has done little to solve the problems as their total reward from it is likely to be little more than £5,000.

Worcester City earned around £12,000 from their 3-1 defeat at Coventry City, where they took the lead and were unlucky to lose Tudor, their experienced defender, through injury at half-time. Most of Worcester's profits will go towards paying off an overdraft, though some is likely to go towards strengthening the side, who are fourth from bottom of the Alliance League.

Nobby Clark, the Worcester manager, was back on the touchline yesterday with the other team in his life, a boy's side in which his grandson plays. He will not be displeased, either, to get back this week to a comparatively quiet life.

Hazard's timely waking

By Stuart Jones

Four first division sides have already lost their way in the FA Cup: Nottingham Forest, the lone giants to fall to lower opposition on Saturday. Swansea City, who lost for the second time in five days at Carrow Road. West Ham United, the winners three years ago, and Southanpton, who claimed the claimed the trophy in 1976.

Southampton's defeat at White Hart Lane may have been expected. Tottenham Hotspur have, after all, remained unbeaten for their last 17 ties in the competition, but the source of the only goal was surprissing since, 35 minutes before Hazard scored it, was lying unconscious. When he came to, heard someone suggest that he should be taken off on a stretcher.

Hazard returned after treatment looking more like one of Frank Bruno's opponents in the boxing ring than a potential danger to Southanpton. But with a lump the size of an egg below his left eye and blurred vision, he carried on and struck in the 50th minute to secure Tottenham's place in today's fourth-round draw.

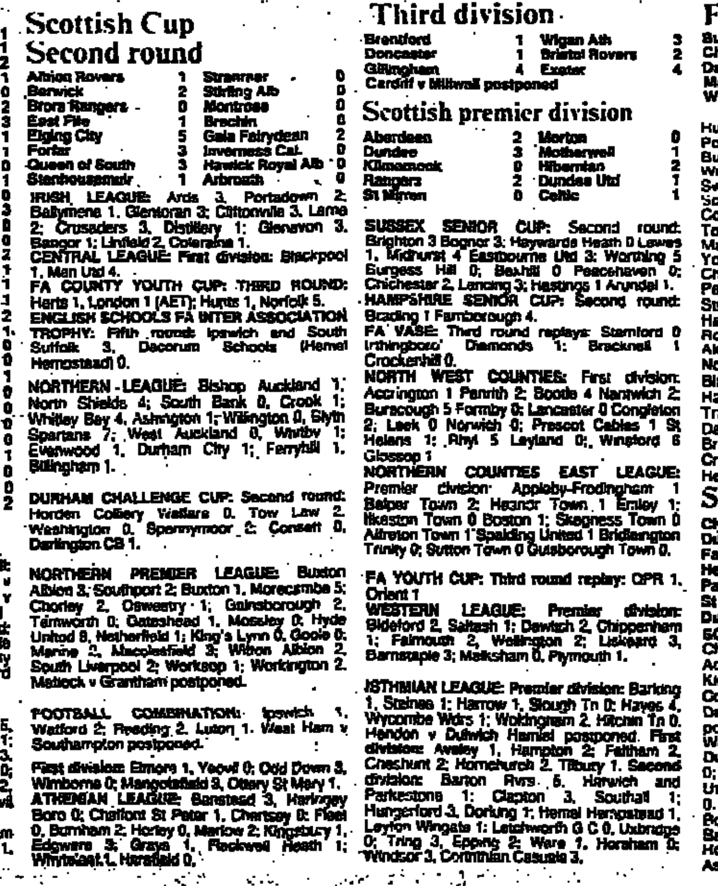
During the afternoon, several other surprises looked possible. Walsall were awarded a penalty in the second minute at Birmingham City, but their player-manager, Buckley, missed it. York City and Blackburn Rovers took early leads against Crystal Palace and Liverpool respectively, and Newport County led Everton with only four minutes to go. All four ties, however, ended more predictably than had seemed likely.

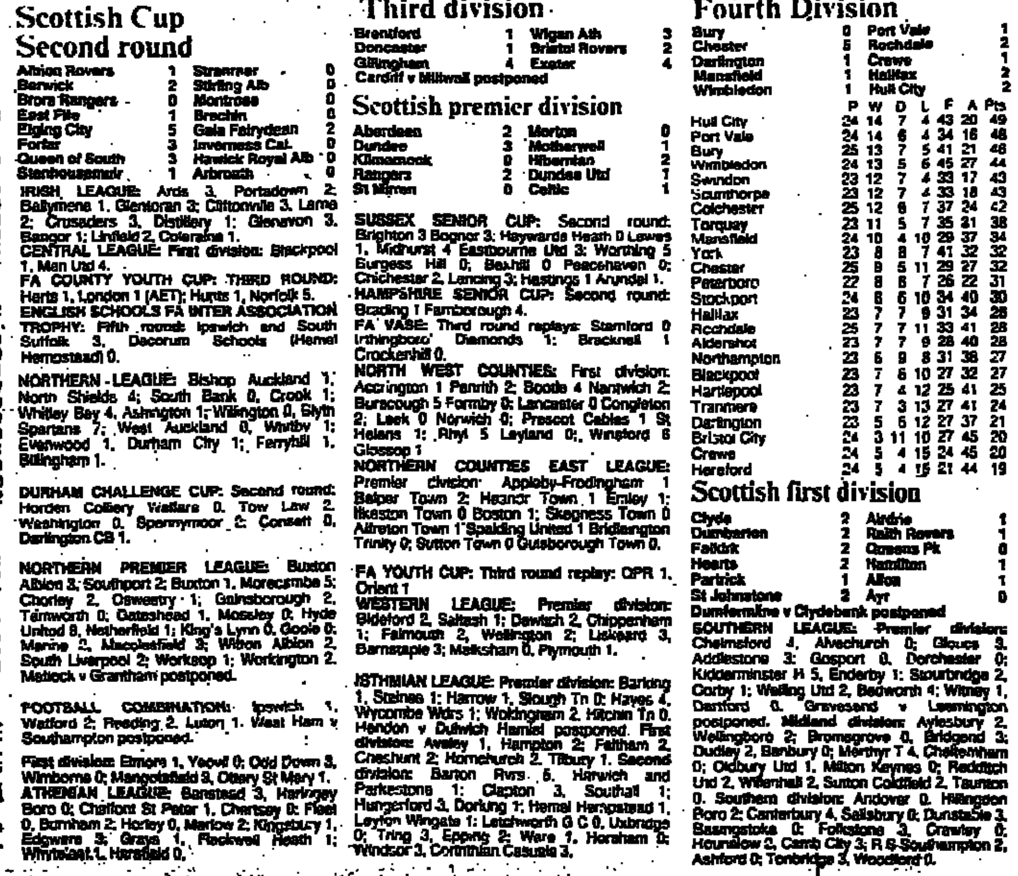
West Bromwich Albion exacted revenge for their defeat in last year's semi-final by Queen's Park Rangers, their late winner being credited to Eastoe, a former Rangers player. Wolverhampton Wanderers, too, reversed the score-line of their friendly match at Tranmere Rovers earlier in the season. Hibbitt's effort in the second half was the only one that counted.

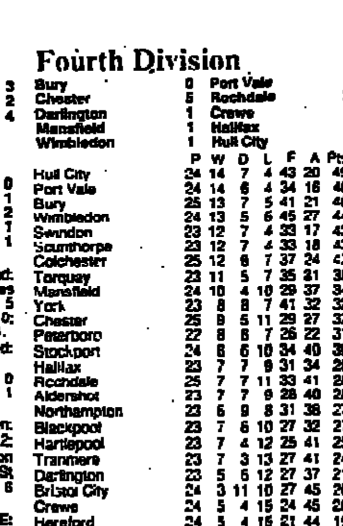
Rowland and Pritchard led the list of successful marksmen. They each claimed three goals in Swindon Town's emphatic victory over Aldershot. Fashanu was not far behind. He scored two and created the other in Notts County's narrow [illegible] over Leicester City. Of the five ties [illegible] ended in goal-less draws, the most eventful took place at Southend.

Stead, of the hosts, and Megson, of Sheffield Wednesday, were both sent off. Ryan, of Oldham Athletic, also left early during their home match against Fulham.









Derby delight: joy for Peter Taylor and Roy McFarland at the final whistle.

Taylor shows his cutting edge

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Derby County 2
Nottingham Forest 0

Managers' questionnaires are invariably duller and less informative than a piece of blank paper. The answers provided at the Baseball Ground on Saturday evening threatened to be at least as lively as the previous 90 minutes. But the conference turned out to be as one-sided as the FA Cup third-round tie itself. Brian Clough offered not a word, Peter Taylor spoke for half an hour.

Assume, therefore, that all enclosed within quotation marks below is attributed to Taylor, who scarcely mentioned his winning ways. "There are two things we need here at Derby. Cash, and points. Today we've got the cash, but next Saturday at Carlisle we need the points. We are at the bottom of the second division and that is exactly where we belong."

The gate receipts from the crowd of more than 28,000 amounted to £72,000, a club record by a comfortable margin. "We could buy a player with our share of that, and if I had the money, no more than three or four of those you saw today would be selected. They just aren't good enough and they should have been told that years ago.

"I don't think I can extract any more out of them, but they could prove me wrong. The pressure was off them here, but if anybody gets carried away with this result, then we will be even shorter of staff. To go down would be tragic, but the fight is not only against relegation. Our financial state, believe me, is dire."

Gemmill, Derby's captain, feels "it is starting to come right" and that the club will now climb up the second division. As confident of beating Forest, he laid a bet on Saturday morning at odds of 4-1. How much did he put on? A couple of pounds, he said, at the same time as someone suggested he might have risked his winning bonus. "That's what I mean, £2."

Gemmill, lacking hair and height, was as instrumental in the comprehensive victory as Mills the other former Forest representative. Apart from curling in a free kick to give Derby a deserved lead midway through the second half, Gemmill alone was prepared to take time to encourage others to investigate the green flanks. After describing him as "ready for the knacker's yard", Taylor made him the man of the match.

Mills applied such a firm clamp on Forest's main artery Robertson, "he's the greatest but today he was reduced to nothing"), that their lone threat came with three minutes left from the barrel of Gunn. Because of Clough's astonishing omission of Todd, he had spent the previous 87 trying in vain to contain the lively Wilson. Yet Hill, Derby's other relatively ineffective front-runner, provided the final flourish.

Thousands of spectators chose to invade the muddy arena at the end and only after Derby's chairman had pleaded with trespassers did they agree reluctantly to depart. Sadly the celebrations were not all conducted in a pleasing spirit. As the rival supporters stood baiting each other separated by bars, the impression was of wild animals caged in the zoo.

DERBY COUNTY: S. Cherry; J. Barton, S. Attley, A. Gemmill, (sub I. Dalziel), G. Forster, J. McAlle, M. Brolly, K. Wilson, A. Hill, D. Swindlehurst, G. Mills.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: S. Sutton, K. Swain, I. Bowyer, B. Gunn, W. Young, C. Walsh, M. Proctor, I. Wallace, G. Birtles, S. Hodge, J. Robertson, (sub P. Davenport).

FA Cup has the turnstiles clicking

Football enjoyed another satisfying day at the turnstiles with almost half a million fans watching the 32 FA Cup ties on Saturday. The 495,178 who turned out follows bumper Christmas Holiday crowds. Ted Croker, the FA secretary, said: "It seems the message is going aroumd that there is no substitute for being at a match.

"The fans gave the game wonderful support over the holiday and now they have responded in the FA Cup."

Croker, a spectator at the five-goal thriller between West Bromwich Albion and Queen's Park Rangers added: "In my opinion, the game has never been in decline anyway. Football is obsessed with negative thinking, but gates are only down by 15 per cent on 30 years ago."

Scottish Football Attendances are also on the increase depote the present economic difficulties.

Figures show that crowds for the Premier League and the League Cup have risen by about 50,000 over the preceding year.

Ardiles return

Though he was only a spectator, Ardiles played the role of adviser in Tottenham's success. Hazard said: "In the dressing room at half-time Ossie suggested I delay my runs to the penalty area when we had possession. If I could arrive at the last moment they could not pick me up. It worked out perfectly for the goal, everything was right, just as he said." Ironically Ardiles could challenge Hazard for his midfied place in the next round.

Ghastly agony and hideous tension

By Nicholas Harling

Charlton Athletic.................2
Ipswich Town.....................3

What FA Cup ties such as this do above all else is to lay bare the emotions, and shatter the nerves. If it is bad for the uncommitted neutral, what it must do for players like Charlton Athletic's in moments like the one in which Wark volleyed Ipswich's last-minute winner, is almost too ghastly to contemplate. As Charlton's players slumped to the ground, drained after giving so much for so little, it was impossible not to feel unbounded sympathy for them.

Could that merciless Scot, we wondered, not have delayed his second goal for a replay at Portman Road tomorrow when fewer people would have begrudged Ipswich victory than did so at The Valley where Charlton had taken a two goal lead inside 15 minutes? The joke then, remembering Charlton's 5-4 defeat at Sheffield Wednesday five days previously after they had led 3-1, was that they required another four goals as insurance. Yet even if the London side were ultimately outplayed by their first division superiors, as well they should, Charlton barely deserved to lose the match and with it, the prospect of further financial consolation in Suffolk.

The second division club had participated in a Cup tie of such unremitting endeavour, flow and action that the goal mouth incidents mounted swiftly one up on each other. To make a note of one meant the risk of either missing the one that followed, or the next subtle flick from Sinonsen, who was in the type of form that must have persuaded Charlton to bring him from Barcelona.

It was a Cup tie of such rich ingredients, not least skill, that for once even sportsmanship prevailed. Not a single player was cautioned. If there was an unsatisfactory note, it came with the penalty award that led to Ipswich's second goal after Gates had fallen inside the area, when he appeared to be brought down by Berry outside the confin . Yet even that issue of contention was defused by Lennie Lawrence, the Charlton manager, who said it was a difficult decision for the referee to make.

Wark's penalty squared things up at the interval. Thijssen having volleyed Ipswich's first goal four minutes earlier when McAllister's wayward intervention sent the ball beyond Johns. Deflections were the order of the day as Robinson had previously put Charlton ahead with a shot that crept in off Butcher. Hales immediately popped in the second after Sivell could only parry Simonsen's fierce cross shot.

The winner came at the end of a personally unrewarding contribution from Brazil. But after he had failed for the fourth time with only the goalkeeper to beat, Johns having saved for the second time with his legs, the subsequent corner, from Gates, did at least bring the winner. Wark thundered the ball in to provide that dramatic, emotional conclusion.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC: N Johns; S Gritt, P Elliott, L Berry, M Aizlewood, D McAllister, T Bullivant, C Harris, A Simonsen, D Hales, M Robinson.

IPSWICH TOWN: L Sivell; K Steggles, R Osman, T Butcher, I Gernon, F Thijssen, J Wark, S McCall, P Mariner, A Brazil, E Gates.

Referee: A Robinson (Waterlooville).

Proof of a pudding

By Paul Harrison

Northampton Town............0
Aston Villa.........................1

The drunken lines of empty beer cans and the sober pickets of watchful police in the streets leading to the County Ground were one facet of Northampton's biggest day for more than a decade.

The other, more positive, side was the 90 minutes of full-blooded Cup endeavor supplied by both sides on a pudding of a pitch. Although the European champions always had the edge, Northampton's workrate and cussed determination did much to narrow – but never quite close – the gape in skill.

Villa survived a frenetic opening 20 minutes, during which Northampton's Buchanan, after just one minute, and Phillips were booked, and the match effectively turned on the half hour. First, after 34 minutes, Massey twisted in the Villa penalty area, but his shot was against the post.

A minute later at the other end, Walters, a late and effective replacement for the injured Shaw, swivelled in the Northampton penalty area to score. The two incidents highlighted the difference in class between the two sides. As Clive Walker, the Northampton manager, said somewhat wistfully afterwards: "One flash of brilliance in the box and that was it."

Northampton had their chances to draw level before halftime, as Spink had to save from Saxby and Buchanan, the player who best managed to close the skill gap. It was Villa who took control in the second half, making and spurning several good chances. Northampton bustled and harassed until the end, but to no avail.

Still, it was the underdogs' day, and they were determined to enjoy it, regardless of the result. More than 14,500 spectators crammed into the three sides of the ground shared with the county cricket club, reviving memories of the day Manchester United visited in the same competition in 1970, and George Best scored six times.

There was nobody around like Best on Saturday but still, as Walker said: "It's been like a Cup Final for us, it's lifted the town. I wish we could have it every week."

At the end, with the sky purple and angry, the crowd left contentedly enough, pursued out into the darkness by the cheerful voice of Radio Cobblers, appealing to them to go home peacefully. A journalist thanked Walker for the club's hospitality. "He wants to come back next week," said a cynical colleague.

NORTHAMPTON TOWN: N Freeman; B Tucker, I Phillips, W Gage, A Burrows, P Coffil (sub: M Muir), G Saxby, J Buchanan, D Syrett, S Massey, M Healey.

ASTON VILLA: N Spink; M Jones, G Williams, A Evans, K McNaught, D Mortimer, D Bremner, M Walters, P Withe, G Cowans, T Morley.

Referee: A Ward (London).

Blushing finale

By Vince Wright

Arsenal...............................2
Bolton Wanderers 1

Highbury was treated to an extraordinary finish which nearly left Arsenal with faces as red as their shirts.

With five minutes remaining of this FA Cup tie, on Saturday a 25-yard short of stunning power and accuracy by Rix increased Arsenal's lead and should have put the match beyong Bolton. However, Whatmore replied immediately and in Bolton's last frantic raid, O'Leary's attempted clearance struck Chandler; the ball looped over the stranded Jennings, but also over the crossbar. Bolton's hopes of a lucrative replay were dashed.

Arsenal will be relieved to have reached the fourth round after two successive third round exits, but their prospects of going further seem bleak. Bolton, without a League win away from home this season, never looked more than what they are – a lowly second division side – while Arsenal often looked worse than they are – a run-of-the-mill first division team.

Their defence is not what is was either. Young's departure to Nottingham Forest midway through last season has left a gap which has not yet been filled. Even Sansom has recently been making a number of unforced errors.

One such mistake in the second half gave Bolton a golden opportunity to equalise. Foster found the ball at his feet and with the way clear to goal after Sansom's ill-judged back pass, but the youngster's nerve failed him.

That miss would not have been so significant if Arsenal had quickly added to the goal by Davis after four minutes. Sunderland was the first to waste a good chance and then from Talbot's well-placed corner, Rix and Woodcock had unsuccessful stabs at the ball from less than five yards.

Davis, deputising for the Cup-tied Petrovic, had earlier shown Chandler how to keep calm in the penalty area by scoring with a near post header in Arsenal's first attack.

ARSENAL: P Jennings; J Hollins, K Sansom, B Talbot, D O'Leary, S Robson, P Davis, A Sunderland, P Nicholas, A Woodcock, G Rix.

BOLTON WANDERERS: J McDonagh; S Whitworth, M Bennett, A Henry, P Jones, R Deakin, J Chandler, N Whatmore, W Foster, D Hoggan, C Thompson.

Referee: B Newsome (Shropshire).

Maddening United

Slipping for the second time in a week, Dundee United on Saturday left their admirers who believe they play the most attractive football in Scotland, sighing again. Their 2-1 defeat against Rangers at Ibrox almost certainly leaves the way open for Celtic and Aberdeen to contest a two-club race for the Premier division title.

How maddening are the moods of the Teyside club. Superb in Europe, lethal attackers when in form, and usually as heavily armour-plated as any Italian team in defence, United falter in the league just when the horizon seems brightest. Until last Monday they had lost only one Premier division game. Then they failed to find either skill or spirit, despite scoring first through Reilly.

What a sigh of relief there was in the Ibrox air after Rangers' first win of the New Year. A reshuffled side which included McCloy back in goal at the age of 36, played with such grit that the holiday disasters were forgotten by the crowd of 15,000. The hero of the hour was the 18-year-old striker, Kennedy, who unsettled the United defence and scored his first goal for Rangers. It proved to be the winner and was a climax to a fine display by the speedy young man who had also laid on the pass that enabled Prytz to equalize.

Rangers, nevertheless, are points behind the league leaders, Celtic, and United's defeat means they lag by six. They are left with little hope of overhauling Celtic or Aberdeen

A spectacular goal by MacLeod gave the leaders a 1-0 win ovr a battling St Mirren side at Paisley. That marked Celtic's century this season, and enabled them to maintain their three-points lead over Aberdeen. Just as valuable a contribution was made by the captain, McGrain, who headed a St Mirren shot off the line in the closing seconds.

Celtic were worried by a severe injury to their scoring prodigy, Nicholas, who is believed to have ankle ligaments; they must be apprehensive too about the formidable challenge of Aberdeen who have now gone five games without conceding a goal, never mind a point. Although they were not comfortable on the treacherous surface at Pittodrie, Aberdeen were still too powerful and purposeful for a gallant Morton team.

Today's fixtures

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Luton v Tottenham (2.15), QP Rangers v Chelsea (2.0)

FA YOUTH CUP: Third-round replays: Oxford United v Charlton Athletic; Derby County v [illegible] United (7.0).

[illegible]CH: Barnet v Enfield.

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WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Cup third round

Arsenal	2	Bolton	1
Brighton	1	Newcastle	1
Blackburn	1	Liverpool	2
Bradford City	0	Barnsley	1
Cambridge United	1	Weymouth	0
Carlisle	2	Burnley	2
Charlton	2	Ipswich	3
Coventry	3	Worcester	1
Crystal Palace	2	York City	1
Derby	2	Nottingham Forest	0
Huddersfield	1	Chelsea	1
Leeds	3	Preston North End	0
Leicester	2	Notts County	3
Luton	3	Peterborough	0
Manchester United	2	West Ham United	0
Middlesbrough	2	Bishop's Stortford	2
Newport	1	Everton	1
Northampton	0	Aston Villa	1
Norwich	2	Swansea	1
Oldham	0	Fulham	2
Oxford United	1	Torquay	1
Scunthorpe	0	Grimsby	0
Sheffield United	0	Stoke	0
Shrewsbury	2	Rotherham	1
Southend	0	Sheffield Wed	0
Sunderland	0	Manchester City	0
Swindon	7	Aldershot	0
Tottenham Hotspur	1	Southampton	0
Tranmere	0	Wolverhampton	1
Walsall	0	Birmingham	0
Watford	2	Plymouth	0
West Brom Albion	3	QP Rangers	2

Replay dates

TUESDAY: Birmingham City v Walsall; Bishop's Stortford v Middlesbrough; Burnley v Carlisle; Everton v Newport; Grimsby v Scunthorpe; Sheffield Wednesday v Southend
WEDNESDAY: Chelsea v Huddersfield; Manchester City v Sunderland; Newcastle United v Brighton and Hove Albion; Stoke City v Sheffield United; Torquay United v Oxford United.

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Bath 5, Stafford Rangers 1; Boston Utd 2; Kettering 1; Enfield 2, Northwick Vic 1; Frickley 3, Altrincham 0; Maidstone 2, Barnet 0; Scarborough 3, Runcorn 2; Telford Utd 2, Bangor City 0; Wealdstone 4, Barrow 0; Yeovil 6, Nuneaton 2.
ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Third round: Dagenham 3, Leytonstone and Ilford 1; Harlow 1, Billericay 3.

Scottish Cup Second round

Albion Rovers	1	Stranraer	0
Berwick	2	Stirling Alb	0
Brora Rangers	0	Montrose	0
East Fife	1	Brechin	0
Elgin City	5	Gala Fairydean	2
Forfar	3	Inverness Cal.	0
Queen of South	3	Hawick Royal Alb	0
Stenhousemuir	1	Arbroath	0

IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 3, Portadown 2; Ballymena 1, Glentoran 3; Cliftonville 3, Larne 2; Crusaders 3, Distillery 1; Glenavon 3, Bangor 1; Linfield 2, Coleraine 1.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool 1, Man Utd 4.
FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP: THIRD ROUND: Herts 1, London 1 (AET); Hunts 1, Norfolk 5.
ENGLISH SCHOOLS FA INTER ASSOCIATION TROPHY: Fifth round: Ipswich and South Suffolk 3, Dacorum Schools (Hemel Hempstead) 0.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: Bishop Auckland 1, North Shields 4; South Bank 0, Crook 1; Whitley Bay 4, Ashington 1; Willington 0, Blyth Spartans 7; West Auckland 0, Whitby 1; Evenwood 1, Durham City 1; Ferryhill 1, Billingham 1.

DURHAM CHALLENGE CUP: Second round: Horden Colliery Welfare 0, Tow Law 2; Washington 0, Spennymoor 2; Consett 0, Darlington CB 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Buxton Albion 3; Southport 2; Buxton 1, Morecambe 5; Chorley 2, Oswestry 1; Gainsborough 2, Tamworth 0; Gateshead 1, Mossley 0; Hyde United 8, Netherfield 1; King's Lynn 0, Goole 0; Marine 2, Macclesfield 3; Witton Albion 2, South Liverpool 2; Worksop 1; Workington 2, Matlock v Grantham postponed.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Ipswich 1, Watford 2; Reading 2, Luton 1. West Ham v Southampton postponed.

First division: Elmore 1, Yeovil 0; Odd Down 3, Wimborne 0; Mangotsfield 3, Ottery St Mary 1.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Banstead 3, Haringey Boro 0; Chalfont St Peter 1, Chertsey 0; Fleet 0, Burnham 2; Horley 0, Marlow 2; Kingsbury 1, Edgware 3; Grays 1, Flackwell Heath 1; Whyteleafe 1, Harefield 0.

Third division

Brentford	1	Wigan Ath	3
Doncaster	1	Bristol Rovers	2
Gillingham	4	Exeter	4

Cardiff v Millwall postponed

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen	2	Morton	0
Dundee	3	Motherwell	1
Kilmarnock	0	Hibernian	2
Rangers	2	Dundee Utd	1
St Mirren	0	Celtic	1

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Second round: Brighton 3 Bognor 3; Haywards Heath 0 Lewes 1, Midhurst 4 Eastbourne Utd 3; Worthing 5 Burgess Hill 0; Bexhill 0 Peacehaven 0; Chichester 2, Lancing 3; Hastings 1 Arundel 1.
HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Second round: Brading 1 Farnborough 4.
FA VASE: Third round replays: Stamford 0 Irthlingboro' Diamonds 1; Bracknell 1 Crockenhill 0.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Accrington 1 Penrith 2; Bootle 4 Nantwich 2; Burscough 5 Formby 0; Lancaster 0 Congleton 2; Leek 0 Norwich 0; Prescot Cables 1 St Helens 1; Rhyl 5 Leyland 0; Winsford 6 Glossop 1
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Appleby-Frodingham 1 Belper Town 2; Heanor Town 1 Emley 1; Ilkeston Town 0 Boston 1; Skegness Town 0 Alfreton Town 1 Spalding United 1 Bridlington Trinity 0; Sutton Town 0 Guisborough Town 0.

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round replay: QPR 1, Orient 1
WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 2, Saltash 1; Dawlish 2, Chippenham 1; Falmouth 2, Wellington 2; Liskeard 3, Barnstaple 3; Melksham 0, Plymouth 1.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 1, Staines 1; Harrow 1, Slough Tn 0; Hayes 4, Wycombe Wdrs 1; Wokingham 2, Hitchin Tn 0. Hendon v Dulwich Hamlet postponed. First division: Aveley 1, Hampton 2; Feltham 2, Cheshunt 2; Hornchurch 2, Tilbury 1. Second division: Barton Rvrs 5, Harwich and Parkeston 1; Clapton 3, Southall 1; Hungerford 3, Dorking 1; Hemel Hempstead 1, Leyton Wingate 1; Letchworth G C 0, Uxbridge 0; Tring 3, Epping 2; Ware 1, Horsham 0; Windsor 3, Corinthian Casuals 3.

Fourth Division

Bury	0	Port Vale	1
Chester	5	Rochdale	2
Darlington	1	Crewe	1
Mansfield	1	Halifax	2
Wimbledon	1	Hull City	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull City	24	14	7	4	43	20	49
Port Vale	24	14	6	4	34	16	48
Bury	25	13	7	5	41	21	46
Wimbledon	24	13	5	6	45	27	44
Swindon	23	12	7	4	33	17	43
Scunthorpe	23	12	7	4	33	18	43
Colchester	25	12	6	7	37	24	42
Torquay	23	11	5	7	35	21	38
Mansfield	24	10	4	10	29	37	34
York	23	8	8	7	41	32	32
Chester	25	9	5	11	29	27	32
Peterboro	22	8	8	7	26	22	31
Stockport	24	8	6	10	34	40	30
Halifax	23	7	7	9	31	34	28
Rochdale	25	7	7	11	33	41	28
Aldershot	23	7	7	9	28	40	28
Northampton	23	6	9	8	31	38	27
Blackpool	23	7	6	10	27	32	27
Hartlepool	23	7	4	12	25	41	25
Tranmere	23	7	3	13	27	41	24
Darlington	23	5	6	12	27	37	21
Bristol City	24	3	11	10	27	45	20
Crewe	24	5	4	15	24	45	20
Hereford	24	5	4	15	21	44	19

Scottish first division

Clyde	2	Airdrie	1
Dumbarton	2	Raith Rovers	1
Falkirk	2	Queens Pk	0
Hearts	2	Hamilton	1
Partick	1	Alloa	1
St Johnstone	2	Ayr	0

Dunfermline v Clydebank postponed

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford 4, Alvechurch 0; Gloucs 3, Addlestone 3; Gosport 0, Dorchester 0; Kidderminster H 5, Enderby 1; Stourbridge 2, Corby 1; Welling Utd 2, Bedworth 4; Witney 1, Dartford 0. Gravesend v Leamington postponed. Midland division: Aylesbury 2, Wellingboro 2; Bromsgrove 0, Bridgend 3; Dudley 2, Banbury 0; Merthyr T 4, Cheltenham 0; Oldbury Utd 1, Milton Keynes 0; Redditch Utd 2, Willenhall 2, Sutton Coldfield 2, Taunton 0. Southern division: Andover 0, Hillingdon Boro 2; Canterbury 4, Salisbury 0; Dunstable 3, Basingstoke 0; Folkstone 3, Crawley 0; Hounslow 2, Camb City 3; R S Southampton 2, Ashford 0; Tonbridge 3, Woodford 0.

TENNIS

Europe's pair win at the doub

By Rex Bellam
Tennis Correspon

Heinz Gunthardt an Taroczy beat Brian Gott Raul Ramirez 6-3, 7-5, 7- hours and 10 minutes in th the World Championship doubles tournament, spons Barratt Homes, at the Albe yesterday. In two year Europeans have won 10 cons matches to become the first t retain the title in the tourna 11-year history. The only othe to win twice were Gottfried Ramirez, in 1975 and 1980.

Gunthardt and Taroczy played together for only two ye They won the French champion in 1981 but their only signifi titles in 1982 were this one and Italian championship. During past six days, though, their vic included the United States ch pions, Kevin Curren and S Denton, and (twice) the for Wimbledon and French champ: Gottfried and Ramirez – who h match point against the Europ in the fifth set when the all-pla series ended on Friday.

The final did not have enduring splendour of Fri match but was a gem for all just a smaller one. Perhaps the reason for the difference was although Gottfried and Ram broke Taroczy's service to lea in the first set and 2-0 in the se those advantages were immed lost. "When you're a break you can feel the pressure m ting," Gunthardt said later. "F nately for us we came back away, so they never really go momentum."

When Gunthardt and Ta won 13 consecutive points to the second set and advance to the third (they played a superb to break Gottfried), it seeme the stuffing had been knocked the match. But Ramirez, wh lost four consecutive service ; held one at last and, encou played with much panac Gunthardt was broken for two

The counter-attack was a ated and, to some extent, in by the public. But the Eur had a break point against e their opponents in turn and, tie-break, lost only two Never a man to shirk the cou giving someone else the Taroczy said later: "Heinz p fantastic tie-break".

An oddity of this de tournament was that althou of the competing partnershi qualified for the forthcomi team Masters tournament, a honour that wraps up the grand prix circuit, neit yesterday's team have done s will not be concerned abo For the time being they hav enough to suggest that 1983 good year. Gottfried and R After all, beat both the Unite and the Wimbledon champ the way to the final. The States champions, Curre Denton, finished seventh eight, and Wimbledon cha Peter McNamara and Pa Namee reached the semi-fin.

As Taroczy suggests whe over, this WCT event "is tournament to start the year its own prestige, conc exclusively on what is usu most spectacular form of ter gives every competing tear opportunity to play themse form. The final was an a and often thrilling exampl rich variety of doubles.

There were subtle change and length, arc and angle : There was much finesse. tions were made with t commitment they demar was a delectable blend, if yo the chess player's thinking gambler's. Momentary bri indiscretion tended to be de

The slim, fair, sternly h Gunthardt seemed to qu concentrated care. The fing racket hand were always p the trigger. Taroczy, ofter the boldness that is the confidence, was sometim uncanny in his controlled on the forehand. At the c the thoughtfully discreet mixed well with the inventive Ramirez. This their day, but it could not such an exhilarating day, tennis been less accompl exciting.

RESULTS: Play-off for 7th and 8 Curran (SA) and S Denton (US) and A Amritraj (India) 6-3, 6-2. S Gottfried (US) and R Ramirez McNamara and P McNamee (Aus H Gunthardt (Swiz) and B Taroc Slozil and T Smid (Czech) 6-1, 6 Gunthardt and Taroczy bt G Ramirez 6-3, 7-5, 7-6.

Clunie g the bet of Moo

By Lewine Ma

Jason Clunie on defeated Peter Moore 3 to win the Prudential jun court championship at Lloyd tennis centre, Hes lost all three of the encounters.

Moore, who puts ev has into his heavy groundshots, was mor early on, with Clunie sh of tension in the way he a goodly percentage o through the baseline.

After he had lost t however, Clunie servec the start of the second a 4-1 ahead. Moore, li glorious backhand wi down the line in the drew level at 4-4, but th hold he had over his o broken with a lost and in the middle of the nex

Clunie made the firs decider when Moo separate points was ca head still down after v each time have felt to winning backhand. Clunie had made it two began to panic. Not ne as would once have b but just enough to give the confidence he nee

Educated in Tott Latymer where he eas levels, the 17-year-old entering his second yea tennis. His next stop, lik be the South American

RESULTS: Boys' singles: Fi Moore 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. Girls' Borneo bt J [illegible] 6-2, 2-6, 6- Final: B Knapp and R Which and M Collins 6-3, 7-5. Girls Gilles and A Grant bt S [illegible] Smith 6-1, 6-2.

RUGBY UNION: PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIVE NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

English gamble follows loss of Woodward

By David Hands

...eekend of sunshine and Bisham Abbey, where ...ioed n preparation for ...g of the international ...hip against France at ...m next Saturday. The ...part, the rain also fell on ...parade when the Leicester ...live Woodward, failed a ...st (conducted on his 27th ...on his damaged shoulder; ...successive caps he will be ...by the Coventry stand-off, ...ies, who will win his ninth

...Bond, of Sale, is promoted ...replacements' bench where he Marcus Rose (Coventry) who ...e place initially allotted to ...njured Wasps full back, Nick ...ger Peter Winterbottom, the ...ingley and Yorkshire flanker, ...some bruising on his back and ...ed the final morning training ...rday but there seems no doubt ...e will be fit.

...oodward's withdrawal was ...s a possibility. He has played ...handful of games for his club ...eason after an operation on a ...der joint early in the season. ...is shown that he is capable of ...g through games at club level ...f his arm is swung back it ...him considerable discomfort; ...vably another week may see ...ack to full fitness and the ...rs would doubtless be ...ned were he to play for ...ter against Bedford next ...evening.

...absence breaks up the ...ld triangle of himself, Dodge ...usworth which came together ...ub and country combination ...ason, after the dropping of ...lly, Davies. The selection of ...ventry player is an implicit ...m of the standards of centres ...down the country but at least ...d can be sure they have a ...of proven class and a noted ... They must be hoping that ...will be able to work out the ...nate alignment, so different ...entre as opposed to a stand-

...Davis, England's coach, was ...m happy with the perform... ...the England tight forwards ...rday but, like the weather, he ...miling again by Sunday ...me. "I hate squad weekends; ...'s a love-hate relationship". "I can see so clearly all the ...s one day but when you ...session the next day where the players seem to have put things right, you feel much better."

The shadow England squad also had an exhausting time yesterday under the guidance of the England under-23 coach, Dick Greenwood, the likely successor to Davis when he steps down as national coach later this year. This move was welcomed by Davis, who was therefore able to concentrate his efforts yesterday on England.

"We have broken our own golden rule and taken a big gamble", Davis said, referring to the promotion of Davies. "Apart from converting Mick Jeavons from a club No 8 to flanker it is the first time since I have been in control that we have played anyone out of position and it took us a long time to come round to it. But we dropped Huw from fly half because of tactical awareness rather than his ability as a footballer. He is a skilful, all-round player and I have always thought centre was a better position for him."

Wheeler, the Leicester hooker who was suffering from influenza last week, was able to work throughout the weekend but still did not feel 100 per cent fit at the end of it. Like Winterbottom, he is expected to be in prime condition when the squad meets again at Strawberry Hill on Thursday. The French hooker, Phillipe Dintrans, who had a knee injury, confirmed his fitness by playing for Tarbes on Saturday.

Also on Thursday the Irish will resolve fitness doubts surrounding three of their squad members for the game against Scotland at Murrayfield. MacNeill, Fitzpatrick and Ward are carrying minor injuries with Fitzpatrick, the Wanderers tight head prop, in considerable doubt after a thigh injury sustained during their training weekend.

McLoughlin (Shannon), a try-scorer against England last season, will replace Fitzpatrick if required. Ward, who kicked a penalty for his club, St Mary's College, in their 15–3 defeat against Malone on Saturday, will be on the replacements bench, but the reserve hooker, Cantrell, is out with a back injury. His place on the bench goes to Harbison (Bective Rangers), a replacement two years ago, and if McLoughlin moves into the team, the replacement prop will be McCoy (Dungannon and Ulster).



Coventry's wall stands firm: Lander kicks with Sadler and his colleagues holding off the Bristol forwards

The Bristolians steam-roller that rumbles and falls flat

By David Hands

Bristol 15
Coventry 16

There was a 15-minute period in the first half on Saturday when Bristol looked as though they were carrying on from the 60-point thrashing they handed Bedford at the Memorial Ground the previous week. They ran in three tries, all of them fine examples of speed in thought and action; they ended losers by a goal, a try and two penalty goals to three tries and a penalty because the Coventry pack denied them a large measure of possession in the second half and through their own tendency to concede penalties.

Defeat for Bristol with the third round of the John Player Cup only a fortnight away will come as an uncomfortable reminder of the realities of life. So often in th Cup they have failed to live up to their own high standards, and while a tie at Harrogate should pose few problems, Bristol will want to prove, to themselves as much as anyone, that cup matches can still be played with style.

Coventry's captain, Steve Thomas, prevented by injury from playing, rated this his side's best performance of the season, achieved as it was without two internationals, Davies and Rose, and with an enforced change of leadership. Coventry refused to be rattled when they turned round 15–4 down; their well-knit pack took the initiative and their backs, flirting with offside, gave the talented Bristol back division little room in which to play.

Two of Coventry's scores reflected the kind of pressure they were able to exert: Cue was caught in possession on his own line and, from five metres out, Coventry forced the Bristol pack back over their own line for Lander to dive in for the try. A few minutes later Bristol were again faced with a five-metre scrum and, finding his forwards wheeled on their own put-in, Harding rashly played the ball while it was still among his forwards' legs. From 12 metres out and straight, Rossborough rammed the ball between the posts for what proved to be the winning kick.

Happily Rossborough, at 34, remains one of the game's lovable eccentrics. Less talented players than he have won more than seven caps and his opportunities to play full back have become rare; but with all three goal-kickers away, he came into his own to score his 2,000th point for Coventry, a record exceeded only by the club's former scrum half, George Cole.

After Sorrell had kicked a simple penalty, Rossborough's dummy and long run set up the ruck from which Lander scored a try. Splendid timing of the pass and handling brought two tries for Cue and one for Morley but kicking out of a morass, neither Sorrell nor Hogg could land conversion points. Rossborough was nearly through before kicking the two easy penalties which laid Bristol low.

Bristol may ponder the imbalance in penalty awards – eight to themselves, 18 to Coventry – most of which stemmed from obstruction at the lineout or offside in the loose. The Cup run which looks to be their's for the taking could founder again on such figures.

BRISTOL: P Cue; A Morley, S Hogg, R Knibbs, J Carr; D Sorrell, R Harding; M Tomlin, K Bogira, J Doubleday, M Rafter (captain), P Stiff, A Troughton, P Polledri, R Pomphrey.
COVENTRY: P Rossborough; J Eaton, R Massey, S Maisey, G Royle; T Buttimore, P Lander; L Johnson, S Brain (captain), S Wilkes, P Thomas, B Kidner, R Fardoe, R Sadler, G Robbins.
Referee: A Trigg (London).

ATHLETICS

Ovett marks time but Buckner finds plenty to spare

As one British miler revealed his latest injury setback at the weekend, another served notice of his intention to join the ranks of those who excel at the distance.

Steve Ovett is the injury victim with tendon trouble which, contrary to speculation, is not threatening his career. Jack Buckner is the latest challenger to the supremacy of Ovett and Sebastian Coe over the mile and its metric equivalent on the evidence of his run in the indoor 1,500 metres at the Cosford Games on Saturday.

Buckner ran the second fastest indoor 1,500 metres by a Briton when he won in 3min 41.7sec after shooting ahead from the gun, "a little too fast", as he later admitted. For much of his solitary run (he won by six and a half seconds) Buckner was going at the same pace as the Scot, Graham Williamson, when he set the record of 3min 38.7sec at Cosford last year.

Buckner and Williamson are now training partners at Loughborough University in a group coached by George Gandy, which is making a bigger contribution to British middle distance running each year.

The group includes the Commonwealth Games 800 metres medallist, Chris McGeorge, and 400 metres international Steve Scutt, who is moving up to 800 metres this season. They are occasionally joined by Coe, Loughborough's most famous son, who is expected to be racing at the next Cosford promotion, the AAA championships at the end of this month. Not so Ovett whose prospects of a return to cross-country racing, have been severely diminished by another leg injury.

Ovett had hoped for his first full winter's training in two years, and a good run in the national championships in early March, but he stats the year of the first IAAF world championships (in Helsinki in August) wondering how much more training time he can afford to lose if he is to recapture the form that made him the best middle distance competitor in the world.

The 27-year-old world 1500 metres record holder was forced to miss last season's European Championships and Commonwealth Games. The England team manager, Andy Norman, a close friend of the Brighton runner, said: "It's a niggling injury which has been there on and off for about a month. Steve is having treatment, and hopefully will be back in training in three or four weeks' time."

Buckner's 1500 metres victory in the last race of the day at Cosford, illustrated the American indoor promoters' dictum of "finish with a fast mile and they'll forget how poor the rest was". That was only contradicted by another impressive piece of front running in the women's 800 metres, and the emergence of two young men about to make a similar impact on different ends of the British athletic spectrum.

Katrina-Jane Finch gave notice on Friday evening with an impressive win in the 800 metres heats that she intended to make the English selectors eat humble pie over her omission from the Commonwealth Games team.

She was even more impressive on Saturday in a "gun-to-tape" victory in 2 min 04.2 sec. – well inside the European Championship's qualifying time, which her sister Teena Colebrook also made in second place (2:06.9).

Billy the Kid was reputedly small and lean. Billy Cole, aged 17, who throws shots instead of lead, will undoubtedly be tagged with this nickname, but he is anything but small. At 125 kilogrammes (almost 20 stone) Cole looks good material to fill the gap left by the retirement of Geoff Capes.

Cole only failed by 35 centimetres to enhance his reputation by claiming his first celebrated victim. Mike Winch won the shot put with 17.95 metres, but Cole, who broke his previous best of 17.01m metres with his first throw of the competition, advanced with every throw to 17.60 metres, which is the British under-20 indoor best and better than Capes ahieved at the same age.

Vaughan Esprey went one better than Cole by winning the 400 metres, and he managed that with the same sort of commitment.

MEN: 60m: S Clarke (Herne Hill Harriers) 6.9 sec. 60m hurdles: M Holtom (Wolverhampton and Bilston) 8.00. 200m: S Eden (Reading) 22.0. 400m: V Esprey (Birchfield) 48.4. 800m: G Brown (Cardiff) 1:51.2. 1,500m: J Buckner (Loughborough) 3:41.7. 3,000m: A Salter (Birchfield) 8:4.1. 2,000m: Steeplechase: C Walker (Mandale) 5:48.7. Shot: M Winch (Blackheath) 58ft 10½in. High jump: A Kruger (Liverpool Pembroke) 17ft 2½in. Triple jump: G Gallagher (Elliotts) 50ft 5½in. Pole vault: G Gutteridge (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 15 4½in.
WOMEN: 60m: S Thomas (Hounslow) 7.5. 60m hurdles: W MacDonnell (Haringey) 8.5. 200m: J Baptiste (Wolverhampton and Bilston) 24.3. 400m: J MacGregor (Hounslow) 55.0. 800m: J Finch (Cannock) 2:02.4. 1,500m J Asgill (Stretford) 4:29.8. 3,000m: S Harvey (London Olympiads) 9:27.8. Shot: J Oakes (Croydon) 52ft 3½in. Long jump: G Reagan (Cardiff) 19ft 4½in.

Steere runs out of wins

One of the most remarkable unbeaten sequences in cross-country running came to an end on Saturday when the former Great Britain 1,500 metres junior international, Kevin Steere, finished 19th in the Kent championship at Maidstone. **David Powell writes.** Steere, aged 28, had won all his county cross-country races – 12 in Norfolk and two in Kent – and was expected to be troubled only by Mike Gratton, the Commonwealth Games marathon bronze medal winner.

In contrast to Steere, who was suffering from a slight cold, Gratton remains without a county title to his name, managing only fifth place in his latest attempt. The unexpected winner was Gary Huckwell, a former England junior international and at 21 one of the youngest competitors in the field.

Kent, who were considered strong candidates to win the inter-counties championship at Birkenhead on Saturday week, now find themselves out of the running. Three of their top five men, Huckwell, Gratton and Keith Penny, have pulled ou, saying that the event does not conveniently fit into thejr schedules.

RESULTS: 1, G Huckwell (39min 27sec); 2, K Penny (39.41); 3, M Brameld (39.44). Team: 1, Invicta, 47 pts.
OTHER COUNTIES: Hampshire: Individual: E Herridge, 35min 33sec; team: Invicta, 47 pts. Hertfordshire: K McDonald, 40:43; team: Verlea. Essex: E Martin, 35:18; team: Ilford. Surrey: R Treadwell, 37:38; team: Aldershot. Sussex: T Hutchings, 38:7; team: Brighton.
SOUTHERN WOMEN'S INTER-COUNTIES: G Penny (Kent), 21:34. Team: Sussex.

David Taylor became the "king" of Irish cross-country running on Saturday when he beat the double world champion John Treacy, in the Mallusk International in Belfast, **Pat Butcher writes.**

On a fast course at the Belfast playing field, Taylor and Treacy, who won the world championship in 1978 and 1979, got away from the rest, which included Mike McLeod fifth in last year's world championships. It was only on the hill in the fourth of five laps that Taylor's efforts succeeded. He dropped Treacy, with whom he trains, and won by almost 100 metres in 24 min 37 sec. McLeod (England) was fifth.

Taylor has now dropped plans to return to the United States, where he was a student until last June, since he has found a job.

RESULTS: 1 D. Taylor (Ire), 24min 37sec; 2, J. Treacy (Ire), 24:50; 3, B. Quinn (Ire), 24:58; 4, J. McLaughlin (N Ire), 25:03; 5, M. McLeod (Eng), 25:23; 6, N. Harvey (Ire), 25:24.

Achilles strikes

By Iain Mackenzie

...y Irvine, deposed as ...of Scotand less than a ...ago in favour of Roy ...w, will now not even be in ...am to meet Ireland at ...yfield on Saturday. Troub... ...an Achilles tendon forced ...withdraw from the side ...squad training in Edin... ...yesterday, and his place at ...k will be taken by Peter ...of Gala.

...e, capped 51 times and ...in the previous 15 ...s, has missed much of this ...because of the injury. ...laying against Laidlaw's ...d-Forest at he weekend, ...ankle did not respond to ...ht rest and the player ...not to risk it.

...the swelling goes down ...le will be x-rayed, after ...Irvine will have an ...n or lengthy treatment as ...atient. Either way, his ...of appearing in any of the ...ional Championship ...this winter are remote ...may not be considered for the Lions tour of New Zealand.

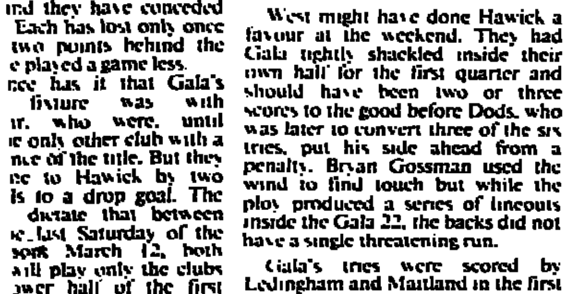
Irvine said yesterday that his playing career was not over; even if he does not play again until September he has every intention of carrying on for another two or three seasons and hopes to regain his Scotland place.

Dods, who was 25 last Thursday and who is a joiner in Galashiels, is six years his junior and regarded by many as more reliable in defence, especially under the high ball. He is an accurate place kicker and often joins the threquarter line. This will be his first full cap, although he has played for the "B" XV and toured New Zealand and Australia with Scotland as Irvine's deputy.

Bill Cuthbertson, the lock who has been injured, came through Harlequins' match with Blackheath on Saturday without difficulty and passed a fitness test at Murrayfield yesterday. Jim Pollock of Gosforth will take Dods's place on the replacement bench.

...attling Scots cry out ...vive la differential'

By Iain Mackenzie



...ason's struggle for the ...ampionship could be the ...ralling in the 10-year ...the National League – ...two principals. Gala and ...are almost tediously ...Gala's six tries at ...on Saturday took their ...points, three more than ...nd they have conceded ...Each has lost only once ...two points behind the ...e played a game less.

...nce has it that Gala's ...fixture was with ...ir, who were, until ...e only other club with a ...nce of the title. But they ...ne to Hawick by two ...ls to a drop goal. The ...dictate that between ...e last Saturday of the ...sorts March 12, both ...will play only the clubs ...ower half of the first

...t two scheduled games ...Kilmarnock and Royal ...d and third from the ...table this morning: ...I conclude their pro... ...a home fixture against ...without a league win ...certain to be relegated. ...ifference is likely to be ...t is entirely predictable ...will need to beat ...in Edinburgh, quite ...preordained margin, if ...wrest the title from

...mination of West of ...three goals, three tries ...goal (33pts) to a try (4) ...well-balanced side looking happy. Their differential is slightly better than Hawick's, so that, barring surprise results, they could win the championship even with a single-point victory over Boroughmuir. In the next two months interest will centre on winning margins as much as the results themselves.

West might have done Hawick a favour at the weekend. They had Gala tightly shackled inside their own half for the first quarter and should have been two or three scores to the good before Dods, who was later to convert three of the six tries, put his side ahead from a penalty. Bryan Gossman used the wind to find touch but while the ploy produced a series of lineouts inside the Gala 22, the backs did not have a single threatening run.

Gala's tries were scored by Ledingham and Maitland in the first half, and by Macaulay, White and Ledingham twice more in the second. Gray crossed the line for West.

GALA: P Dods; D Ledingham, A Rutherford, J Whitehead, A Hancock; J Maitland, D Bryson; J Aitken, K Lawrie, R Cunningham, T Smith, K Macaulay, J Berthinussen, D White, D Leslie (capt)
WEST OF SCOTLAND: C Mair (capt), S Munro, C Williamson, D Robertson, J Gossman; B Gossman, G Campbell; G McGuinness, D Livingston, D Billingham, D Gray, W Nelson, D A Gray, I McIver, J McIntyre.
Referee: E Allan (Melrose).

FIRST DIVISION LEADERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hawick	9	8	0	1	181	80	16
Gala	8	7	0	1	184	72	14
Kelso	9	6	0	3	201	105	12
Boro'muir	8	6	0	2	148	61	12
Heriot's	9	6	0	3	169	115	12
Selkirk	9	6	0	3	140	113	12

...sps frighten Llanelli

...t, it seems, can do ...team. **David Hands** ...missing five regulars. ...m 18-3 down to draw ...Llanelli at Sudbury; ...eight absent, romped ...ason's double over ...o went down 23-9 at

...hoped to have the ...er-23 captain and ...leading them but he ...from influenza and ...tual captain, Rob ...elbow injury. In their ...England B flanker, ...lled and the Wasps ...rwards that another ...ould have seen them ...ted victory. Mark ...his not kicked ...last season, con... ...Wasps' three tries.

Leicester's teamwork proved to much for a Gloucester side missing five first-choice forwards. "At no time did we let Gloucester get into the pattern of play," Graham Willars, the new Leicester coach, said. Johnson, Kenney and Barnwell scored Leicester's tries, one of them converted by Poulson who kicked three penalties. Hall scored Gloucester's try and Ford added a conversion and penalty.

The holders with Gloucester of the John Player Cup, Moseley, also went down, 19-15 at home to Newbridge. The Welsh club led 12-0 at half-time through tries by Harris and Peebles, both converted by McAloon, who also kicked a late penalty. Oliver scored their third try and Moseley offered only four penalties from Metcalfe and a [illegible] by Goodwin.

Escape act maintains Bath record

By Nicholas Keith

Bath 16
London Welsh 11

A rousing revival brought Bath 10 points in the last 10 minutes and a somewhat fortuitous victory over London Welsh at the Recreation Ground on Saturday. Bath's last home defeat was in mid-November by the vastly improved Newbridge, and this was a good result for them as Horton, Halliday and Trick were on duty with the England party at Bisham Abbey.

Yet the Welsh will be wondering how they managed to control the match for an hour and then allow their hosts to spring like 15 Houdinis from all manner of ropes and padlocks to win by a goal, a try and two penalty goals to two tries and a penalty.

Bath do not possess a large pack, and they were in trouble sometimes in the tight, although they achieved two strikes against the head. But the forwards kept going in the wake of the indomitable Spurrell, who bobbed up everywhere. The promising Martin had a solid match at full back; Lewis, the scrum half, had some difficulty making contact with his backs – perhaps because three of his normal colleagues were missing – but he made some important kicks.

Despite two missed penalties by Nigel Rees in the first quarter of an hour, Welsh took Bath by the scruff of the neck with two tries before the interval. First John, the hooker, twisted over the line in a rolling maul from a lineout and then Yeandle was sent in for a try on the right by Avery, the full back, after a break involving Slater and Nigel Rees. Both conversions were missed, by Rees and Slater.

A penalty by Palmer was the only Bath score in the first half, although Clive Rees denied both Simmons and Lewis with last-ditch tackles at the corner flag, a penalty by George five minutes into the second half stretched the Welsh lead to eight points and they would have been untouchable if Avery had held on to the ball as he crossed the line.

Ralston kicked a penalty and Bath gained momentum as their forwards loosened the Welsh grip on the match. Undeterred by missed penalties from Ralston and Martin, Bath attacked up the right flank, and won an indirect kick for obstruction on Martin with 10 minutes left; their lock, Gaymond, ploughed over for a try from the tapped penalty and Ralston converted from near the touchline. Finally Lewis provided a scoring pass for Simpson, the No 8, a fitting reward for the hard-working Bath back row.

BATH: C Martin; P Simmons, A Rees, J Palmer (rep. M Sparkes), B Trevaskis; C Ralston, S Lewis; C Lilley, K Adams, G Chilcott, R Spurrell (captain), N Gaymond, R Hakin, P Turner, P Simpson.
LONDON WELSH: R Avery; A Yeandle, J Hughes, N Rees (rep. M Walswell), C Rees; D Slater, I George; T Jones, R John, B Bradley (captain), D Mumby, R Ford, E Lewis, D Keating, K Bowring.
Referee: A Gibbs (Warwickshire).

Pontypool thrive on old style

By Gerald Davis

Pontypool 35
Pontypridd 6

Pontypridd are not the side they once were when Tom David ruled so imperiously. Pontypool still are, although quite a few of their old stalwarts are no longer available these days.

Injuries have taken their toll on Pontypridd this year. Carl Smith, their No 8, and Bob Dyer, at scrum half, both crucial to their team plans, have been side-lined

They have been unable to replace Bob Penberthy, their veteran second row man either. His best laid retirement plans have come to nought. After over 800 games in 20 seasons with the club, Penberthy had hoped to see the last of his boots when, as a final parting gesture he threw them over Niagara Falls on his club's North American tour

Soneone failed to take the hint and there he is, gaunt and hollow cheeked, in the middle of the lineout once again on Saturday.

He and the rest of his pack caved in under the enormous pressure of a Pontypool pack fully aware in the second half of where their true strength lay.

Under the influence of Butler, presumably they are attempting to find the open spaces. But such a style will not find a ready home at Pontypool Park, however much they may wish it. They were at their best, when Bishop, at scrum half, combined cleverly with his forwards. But for a recent hand injury which kept him out for the last three weeks, he might well have been included in the Welsh trial teams. He scored two tries to bring his total to 24 this season.

The first ry had the mixture of deft handling, power and speed. A rolling maul went to and fro before Squire emerged to tear away upfield. Windsor was on his shoulder to seek a difficult pass before sending in shop to score. Crabtree converted.

Goldsworthy then dropped a goal before Golderson brought Pontypridd into the game with two penalties. The next three tries, one before the interval and two just after, were out of the same mould with Butler enhancing his claims

For the first, he fed Bishop, for the second he missed out Bishop for Davies to squeeze his way in in the corner, and for the third he and Bishop exchanged passes to give Crabtree a try. Crabtree converted one of them.

Like a dazed boxer, Pontypridd reeled and parried instinctively under the onslaught but before the end, Pontypool went further ahead with two trys by Brown and Rogers which Crabtree also converted.

PONTYPOOL: P Crabtree; G Davies; L Faulkner; K Travett; S Rogers; M Goldsworthy; D Bishop; Staff Jones; Steve Jones; B Windsor; J Squire; J Perkins; M Jones; M Brown; E Butler (Capt).
PONTYPRIDD: B Bolderson; M Owen; M Edwards; R Lewis; A Cartwright; M Hodgkinson; S Cannon (Capt); G. Evans; A Witts; N Wilding; M Shellard; A Shephard; (Rep S Cox); R Penberthy; R Collins; C Rees.

Lancashire unstuck in the mud

By Michael Stevenson

Yorkshire Schools 4
Lancashire Schools..............3

When Yorkshire narrowly defeated Lancashire in the senior county championship at Otley before Christmas, it was the speed and enterprise of the Yorkshire backs that proved decisive. On Saturday the counties met agian a few miles further north at Harrogate, where only the result, a Yorkshire victory, bore the remotest resemblance to the full encounter.

The match was played in a quagmire. This materially aided Yorkshire, whose marvellously spirited tackling successfully masked some defensive frailty in the backs, who regularly failed to align themselves.

Yorkshire dominated the lineout through the athletic jumping of Reid and solid accomplished scrummaging was based on an impressive front row; this meant that possession, which is nine tenths of the law when rugby is played in mud, was jealously controlled by the winners.

Add to this a fiery back row, quick to exploit Lancashire bewilderment when the set scrums were wheeled, and it could be argued that Yorkshire's narrow victory was deserved.

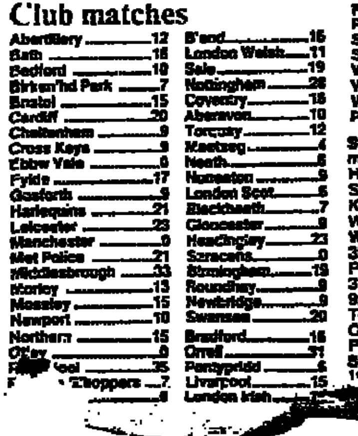
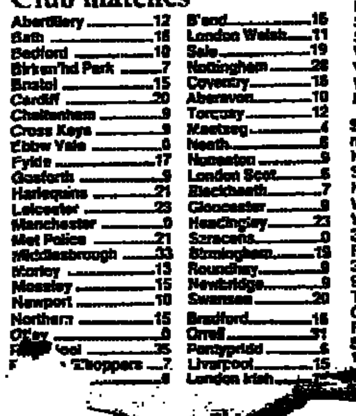
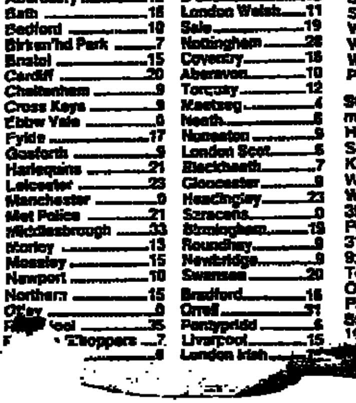
Perhaps so, but it was balanced in the point of a needle. A minute from time a thrilling burst out of deep defence, one of many, was followed by a penalty from a normly easy position, but the morass disturbed Fletcher's rhythm and the ball struck a post and rebounded, as it had done earlier for Whisker, the Yorkshire full back, from an even easier kick when the Lancashire centre were caught offside under their own posts.

Yorkshire's trycame 15 minutes after the kick-off. The scrum half, Burdass, broke, was checked and the ruck won. He worked a blind and, when well tackled, there to dive over bearing both the ball and a much-revered rugby name, was the Yorkshire prop, Horrocks-Taylor.

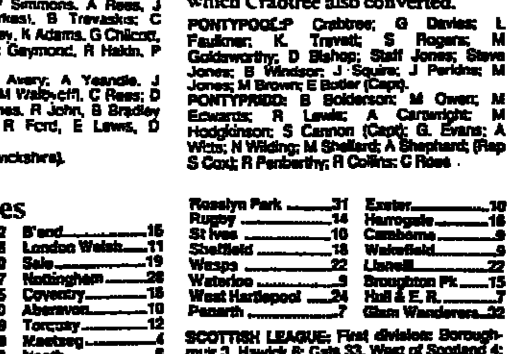
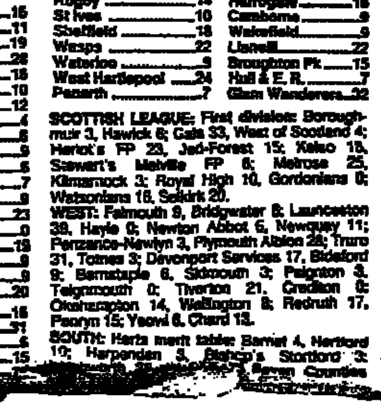
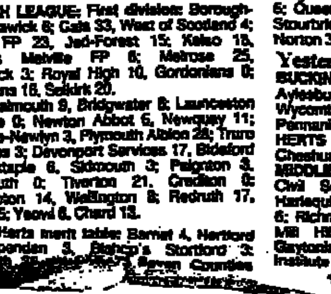
Lancashire's penalty soon followed, when an indirect kick was followed by a direct as Yorkshire encroached prematurely to end the scoring but certainly not the excitement.

YORKSHIRE 18 GROUPS: J Whisker (Hymers), A Crossdale (Morley), R Gordon (Fulneck), W Caring (Sedbergh) (Rep. S Walker, Colne Valley), J Priestley (Bradford), G Evans (Mount St Mary's), P Burdass (St Peter's), S Walford (Pocklington), J Anderson (Woodhouse Grove), M Horrocks-Taylor (Bradford GS), A Rees (Barnard Castle), S Croft (Harrogate), M Reid (King Edward VII), A Hoyle (John Smeaton), J Wiley (QEGS Wakefield).
LANCASHIRE 18 GROUP: D Platt (West Park), M Denning (Cowley), K Simms (West Park), G Meredith (St Mary's, Crosby), S Flaherty (West Park), M Fletcher (Liverpool College), J Sephton (Cowley), M Newton (Hutton), P Jackson (KES Lytham), M Brown (Rossall), A Meachen (Lancaster RGS), C Meers (Lancaster RGS), C Jordan (Hutton), M Woods (Cowley), S Parker (St Edwards, Liverpool).
Referee: S W Piercy (Yorkshire)

Club matches

Abertillery	12	B'end	16
Bath	16	London Welsh	11
Bedford	10	Sale	19
Birken'hd Park	7	Nottingham	26
Bristol	15	Coventry	16
Cardiff	20	Aberavon	10
Cheltenham	9	Torquay	12
Cross Keys	9	Maesteg	4
Ebbw Vale	6	Neath	6
Fylde	17	Nuneaton	9
Gosforth	9	London Scot	6
Harlequins	21	Blackheath	7
Leicester	23	Gloucester	9
Manchester	0	Headingley	23
Met Police	21	Saracens	0
Middlesbrough	33	Birmingham	19
Morley	13	Roundhay	9
Moseley	15	Newbridge	19
Newport	10	Swansea	20
Northern	15	Bradford	16
Otley	0	Orrell	31
P[illegible]ool	35	Pontypridd	6
[illegible] Choppers	7	Liverpool	15
[illegible]	6	London Irish	[illegible]
Rosslyn Park	31	Exeter	10
Rugby	14	Harrogate	16
St Ives	10	Camborne	9
Sheffield	18	Wakefield	9
Wasps	22	Llanelli	22
Waterloo	9	Broughton Pk	15
West Hartlepool	24	Hull & E.R.	7
Penarth	7	Glam Wanderers	22

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Boroughmuir 3, Hawick 6; Gala 33, West of Scotland 4; Heriot's FP 23, Jed-Forest 15; Kelso 18, Stewart's Melville FP 6; Melrose 25, Kilmarnock 3; Royal High 10, Gordonians 0; Watsonians 18, Selkirk 20.
WEST: Falmouth 9, Bridgwater 8; Launceston 39, Hayle 0; Newton Abbot 6, Newquay 11; Penzance-Newlyn 3, Plymouth Albion 28; Truro 31, Totnes 3; Devonport Services 17, Bideford 9; Barnstaple 6, Sidmouth 3; Paignton 3, Teignmouth 0; Tiverton 21, Crediton 0; Okehampton 14, Wellington 8; Redruth 17, Penryn 15; Yeovil 6, Chard 13.
SOUTH: Herts merit table: Barnet 4, Hertford 10; Harpenden 3, Bishop's Stortford 3; [illegible] Seven Counties merit table: Esher 23, Havant 10; Woodford 6, Maidstone 3. Southern merit table: Guildford and Godalming 10, Maidenhead 22. Trustee merit table: Old Freemen's 9, Old Epsomians 3; Old Ruttishians 22, Old Cranleighans 8
Schools matches: Chislehurst and Sidcup 9, St Olave's 17; Gosforth HS 13, Dame Allan's 9; King Edward's Birmingham 8, Bishop Vesey's 6; Queen Mary's, Walsall 34, King Edward's, Stourbridge 7; St George's Harpenden 30, Norton 3

Yesterday

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE CUP: Quarter-finals: Aylesbury 18, Slough 0; Marlow 8, High Wycombe 7; Milton Keynes 18, Drifters 7; Old Pennanians 11, Chiltern 0.
HERTS PRESIDENT'S CUP: Third round: Cheshunt 28, Barnet 7
MIDDLESEX CUP: Fourth round: Lensbury 10, Civil Service 24; Metropolitan Police 3, Harlequins 7; Old Kingsburians 4, Orleans F.P. 6; Richmond 25, Grasshoppers 3; Ruislip 13, Mill Hill 10; St Mary's College 5, Old Gaytonians 29; Saracens 7, West London Institute 0; Wembley 4, Wasps 29.

HOCKEY

Irish champions prevent MIM's notable treble

By Sidney Friskin

The nervously-disposed would have been ill-advised to watch the Glenfiddich indoor tournament which ended in Glasgow yesterday. A packed house lived through some pulsating moments, particularly in the final when Team Volkswagen, the Irish champions, beat Murray International Metals of Edinburgh 4-3 on penalty strokes. At the end of full time and extra time the score was 4-4.

There were only 53 seconds left when Coventry converted a corner for MIM to level the score at 4-4. Before that, Crawford, who had failed to convert two penalty strokes in the first half, put Volkswagen into a 4-3 lead. They had earlier fought back after the Edinburgh side had jumped into a 3-0 lead, Dargo having scored within 30 seconds of the start.

Both sides had come through thrilling semi-final matches in a tournament which is becoming increasingly popular. It will probably not be long before the Dutch and the Germans are invited. MIM won the event two years running before they were beaten by Slough in the final last year.

Slough's triumphant march was halted yesterday when they were beaten 6-5 by MIM in the semi-final. Slough had looked unstoppable, but MIM set out to prove that they could be checked and the Scottish side won a fierce tactical battle. They blocked the approaches to goal and broke the main line of communication between Khehar and Bal Saini.

Slough were upset by a couple of bad umpiring decisions. They were denied a corner at a crucial stage and Laly was sent off temporarily for disent, but nothing could detract from the merits of the Scottish team's victory which seemed well planned. So tight was the marking and covering that no goals were scored in the first 10 minutes – an extraordinary situation, created by two scoring machines.

MIM went into the interval leading 5-2 and after fortunes had changed in the second half, Daved brought Slough back into the match with a great goal to reduce the lead to 6-5. But in the final, nerve-racking moments they were denied the equaliser by Wilson, the goalkeeper, who saved first from Laly in the last 40 seconds and then from Khehar in the last 10.

In the end Slough had to struggle for third place. They beat Menzieshill 6-5 by a sudden-death goal. They had beaten the same side 6-5 in the group match.

Beckenham, the other London club, also had their moments. They won two exciting matches in the play-off series to finish fifth. David Coventry (MIM) was voted the player of the tournament.

RESULTS: Group A: Beckenham 3, Team Volkswagen 4; Grange 4, MIM 9; MIM 9, Beckenham 7; Grange 7, Team Volkswagen 14; Beckenham 13, Grange 8; Team Volkswagen 8, MIM 7. Group B: Slough 11, MA Systems 1; Menzieshill 9, ICI Grangemouth 8; ICI Grangemouth 4, Slough 14; Menzieshill 12, MA Systems 9. Semi-finals: MIM 6, Slough 5; Team Volkswagen 9, Menzieshill 7. Final: Team Volkswagen 4, MIM 4 (after extra time, Volkswagen won 4-3 on penalty strokes).
FINAL PLACINGS: 1, Team Volkswagen; 2, MIM; 3, Slough; 4, Menzieshill; 5, Beckenham; 6, MA Systems; 7, Grange; 8, ICI Grangemouth.

West end barren spell

The West have laid the bogey. They won their first match for two years yesterday, beating South Wales 3-0 with two goals from their captain Susan Slocombe and one by Sarah Pearson. **Joyce Whitehead writes.**

South Wales had beaten South (England's champion territory) 1–0 at Cwmbran on Saturday but on the grass of Cheltenham after the artificial surface in Wales, they had difficulties adjusting. After the experienced Judith Nelms made a mistake in goal with the shot from Mrs Pearson (Devon), who along with Jane Watkins (Somerset) was an inner, always ready to go for goal, Shoona Franks, Jeanette Smith and Rosemary Goodridge stood out in defence.

On Saturday South were unlucky. In the first half they missed an open goal and Leslie Hobley (Buckinghamshire) failed to convert a penalty stroke. From one of many South Wales attacks Susan Williams scored the only goal in the second half.

The last two territorial teams are:
EAST: J Cook (Suffolk), M Daly (Herts), V Dixon (Cambridgeshire), C Ward (Herts), R Sykes (Kent), S Lee (Kent), S Williams (Kent), C Webb (Suffolk), J Newton (Norfolk), H Bray (Suffolk) and B Howe (Essex).
SOUTH: P Gibbon (Berkshire), M Franks (Middlesex), S Fryer (Sussex), K Dodd (Berkshire), S Hine (Surrey), C Rule (Berkshire), K Brown (Surrey), S Harding (Middlesex), L Hobley (Buckinghamshire), S Lister (Sussex), L Randolph (Berkshire).

SQUASH RACKETS

Champions making progress

Playing squash in Pakistan is sometimes associated with problems of an undignified kind, but Gawain Briars, the British champion, and Phil Kenyon, his predecessor, have not only progressed satisfactorily to the last of the Pakistan Open sponsored by Hamdard, they have made even more satisfactory progress in adapting the surroundings.

Neither has attempted to ferry in cheese and chocolate as John Easter used to do, but neither has had long nights squatting on the porcelain, and neither has so far found their first visit to this country – blesed with beautiful weather and cheap shopping – anything other than pleasant.

Briars is also playing his first tournament since recapturing the British title from Kenyon a month ago and has not stayed on cloud nine for long. "I did some work every day since then, including Christmans Day, and I'm desperately keen to get furher up the top ten because the openings seem to be there," he said.

This tournament shows every signs of helping him. He beat Liequat Ali 9-6, 9-2, 9-1, yesterday, plays the Birmingham-based Egyptian, Moussa Helal today, and ought to be earning himself another crack at Hidayat Jahan, the world number two he beat in September, on Wednesday.

Things look almost as good for Kenyon. He beat Hausur Rehman 9-2, 9-0, 9-0, and should have found himself up against Mohammed Asran, the former Egyptian champion, but in one of two upsets so far, Asran was beaten. His conqueror was a 19-year-old student from the legendrary squash town of Peshawar. Amjad Tobal, who trailed by a game and 1-8 before seeing the challenge of his opponent evaporate.

Asran was asked several times if he wished to retire, refused, won only two more points, and collapsed on a pile of towels. Kenyon, touch wood, should not suffer a similar fate, and for a place in the last four, may well play Qamar Zaman.

It was Zaman's younger brother, Bakhar who beat the No 14 Rahmat Khan 9-3, 9-6, 1-9, 9-6. Rahmat, once a leading player, is now better known as the man behind Jahangir, but while the conqueror of the world duly reached the third round his coach and mentor, preoccupied with other thoughts, could not.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (Friday): Atlanta Hawks 110, Dallas Mavericks 102; Phoenix Suns 108, Indiana Pacers 101; Philadelphia 76ers 106, Washington Bullets 89; New Jersey Nets 111, Chicago Bulls 98; Kansas City Kings 139, Utah Jazz 117; Boston Celtics 110, Detroit Pistons 92; Denver Nuggets 125, Houston Rockets 97. Saturday: Los Angeles Lakers 108, New York Knicks 90; Philadelphia Flyers 125, Kansas City Kings 113; Atlanta Hawks 109, Chicago Bulls 88; Cleveland Cavaliers 98, Washington Bullets 82; Boston Celtics 114, Dallas Mavericks 110; Utah Jazz 87, Houston Rockets 82; San Diego Clippers 122, Denver Nuggets 120; Golden State Warriors 110, Seattle Supersonics 104.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester Giants 87 (Martin 27 Swaney 22), Solent Stars; (Watson 41, Robinson 21); Warrington Lada Vikings 76, (Joyner 25, Stewson 20); Ovaltine Hemel Hempstead 100 (Sewell 30 Knuckles 38); Bracknell Pirates 85, (Keenan 35, Turple 18), Planters Leicester 94, (Headd 30, Pemberton 24); Barratt Bullets Birmingham 85, (Saunders 24, Donaldson 20), Cantabrica Kingston 83, (Wiley 30, Broderick 20); Crystal Palace 110, (Jeremich 24, Macray 20), Walkwood Liverpool 73, (Newbern 28, Randolf 18); Sunderland 86, (Brandon 23, Waerran 17), Manchester Giants 78, (Swaney 20 Nero 16).
Second division: Fine Ceramics Bolton 99, Creston Halifax 82; McEwan Gateshead 88, Brunel Uxbridge 105; Ashfield Glass Notts 78, Camden 76; Watford 82, Newcastle 105. First division (women): John Carr Doncaster 62, TCB Brighton Wasps 63; London YMCA 62, Avon Cosmetics Northants 76; Ashfield Glass Notts 74, Solent Suns 45; Stockport Thoroglass Belgrade 60, Southgate UDT 62; West Bromwich 61, Crystal Palace Toppy's 60.

CYCLING

BREMEN: Six day race: third day: 1, H Schuetz (WG) and R Hermann (Liech), 208 pts; 2, G Braun (WG) and R Pijnen (Neth), 206; 3, P Sercu (Bel) and A Fritz (WG), 148.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: National Conference: First Round: Washington Redskins 31, Detroit Lions 7; Green Bay Packers 41, St Louis Cardinals 16. American Conference: First Round: Los Angeles Raiders 27, Cleveland Browns 10; Miami Dolphins 28, New England Patriots 13.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: (Friday): New York Rangers 5, Quebec Nordiques 1; New Jersey Devils 2, Boston Bruins 2; Buffalo Sabres 5, Vancouver Canucks 5; Edmonton Oilers 7, Pittsburgh Penguins 2. (Saturday): Philadelphia Flyers 7, Hartford Whalers 4; Calgary Flames 5, Detroit Red Wings 2; New York Islanders 6, Quebec Nordiques 1; Toronto Maple Leafs 7, Los Angeles Kings 5; Washington Capitals 3, St Louis Blues 3; Minnesota North Stars 4, Chicago Black Hawks 1; Boston Bruins 2, Montreal Canadiens 1.

NETBALL

ALL ENGLAND ASSOCIATION: Northamptonshire 24, Leicestershire 32; South Yorkshire 29, Humberside 23; South Yorkshire 30, Shropshire 29; Humberside 25, Shropshire 24.

NORDIC SKIING

KLINGENTHAL: World Cup: 1, B. Pettersen (Nor), 27min 30.8sec; 2, M Risby-Johansson (Swe), 27:34.0; 3, B Paulu (Czech), 27:35.2. Overall: ⅞, Pettersen 40 pts; 2, M L Haemaelaeinen (Fin), 38; 3, Paulu, 38.

SKI JUMPING

HARRACHOV (Czechoslovakia): World Cup: 1, H Freitag (EG), 254.5 pts (113.5, 114 metres); 2, M Puserkus (Fin), 253.9 (118,113); 3, K Ostwald (EG), 248.0 (111, 114). Sunday: 1, P Ploc (Czech), 264.8 (119, 117.5); 2, Ostwald, 252.7 (119, 116.5); 3, Puserkus, 237.7 (113, 120). Standing (after seven competitions): 1, M Nykaenen (Fin, 110 pts; 2, O Hansson (Nor) 65; 3, J Weissflog (EG) 64.

HOCKEY

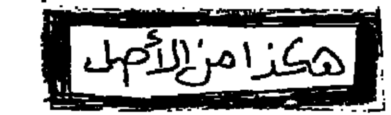
COUNTY MATCHES: Lincolnshire 0, Cambridgeshire 2.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Sussex 5, RAF 0.
LONDON LEAGUE: Premier Division: Blackheath v St Albans (postponed). League: Mid-Surrey 1, London University 1. Saturday: Blackheath 4, Hawks 1; Cheam 1, Bromley 2; Old Kingstonians 2, Surbiton 1; Purley 1, Mid-Surrey 1; St. Albans 0, Dulwich 1; Spencer 3, Tulse Hill 2.
EAST LEAGUE: First Division South: Havering 4, Berkhamsted 1; Rickmansworth 1, Ilford 1.
SOUTH LEAGUE: Berks, Bucks & Oxon: First Division: Rufhings Park 3, Newbury 0.
BERKSHIRE CUP: second round: Bracknell 0, Reading 5.
SURREY CUP: Old Mid-Whitgiftians 0, Spencer 4.
OTHER MATCH: Cambridge University 4, Durham University 1.
WOMEN: REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: (at Cardiff): South Wales 1, South 0; South Wales "B" 0, South "B" 1.

TABLE TENNIS

SEVILLE: European League: second division: Spain 5, Scotland 2. (Scots names first): Men's singles: Rodger lost to Palea, 0-2; Yule lost to Kaymel, 1-2; Rodger lost to Kaymel, 0-2; Yule lost to Palea, 1-2. Women's singles: Dalrymple bt Iupon, 2-0. Men's doubles: Rodger and Yule lost to Palea and Casares, 0-2. Mixed doubles: Dalrymple and Rodger bt Palea and Iupon 2-0.

TENNIS

PERTH: Western Australian Open: Semi-finals: J Farrow (US) bt E Edwards (SA), 2-6, 6-4, 7-6; W Masur (Aust) bt D Siegler (US), 6-3, 7-5. Final: Masur bt J Farrow, 6-2, 6-4, 7-6.
WASHINGTON: Women's tournament: Semi final: (US unless stated): M Navratilova bt M L Piatek, 6-1, 6-3; S Hanika (WG) bt A Jaeger, 6-7, 6-3, 7-6.
CARACAS (Venezuela): World Youth championships: R Ferengerg (US) bt J Bardou (Spain), 6-4, 7-5; E Sanchez (Spain) bt U Riglewski (WG), 7-6, 6-3.



RACING: CHELTENHAM CONTENDERS SHOW THEIR CALIBRE IN ENGLAND AND IRELAND

Claude Monet in the winning frame

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

We have grown accustomed to the Winters, Francomes, Nicholsons and Scudamores of this world dominating the stage in the south on Sundays. So at Sandown Park on Saturday it was refreshing and heartening for the National Hunt community when a different combination stole the show: that of David Gandolfo and Paul Barton.

They teamed up to win three of the six races there with Henry Kissinger, Claude Monet and Hawkbarrow and that was quite an achievement in these competitive days, specially as in two of the races they were pitted against strongly fancied members from the Winter-Francome camp. Neither Gandolfo nor Barton had enjoyed the best of seasons but it would seem that the ringing in of the new year has brought a change of luck.

Injured ribs had kept Barton on the sidelines for three weeks: Kirkstone Pass, the winner that he rode for Gandolfo on Friday, was his first ride since the end of November. That can only have done his confidence a power of good; and it showed because Saturday's treble was the first of his career. How well he rode.

Henry Kissinger set the ball rolling when he won the Express Steeplechase by a wide margin. Here at long last was a glimpse of the form seen when Henry Kissinger won the Mackeson Gold Cup last season.

Had he not run so abominably at Kempton just after Christmas, Henry Kissinger would have started at odds on to win this much more humble pie. As it was, he won as an odds-on shot should. He will be one to watch for the Cathcart Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham in March.

Claude Monet kept up the good work for Barton and the wizard of Wantage, as Gandolfo is affectionately known (especially when things are going right), when he turned the Panama Cigar Hurdle into a procession. Claude Monet's presence in Gandolfo's stable has a lot to do with Michael Moore, a young Irishman who was once his pupil.

On returning home Moore heard that there was a nice horse for sale on the farm adjoining that of his parents in Co Cork. He informed his mentor and Claude Monet is the result.

Claude Monet began promisingly by winning his first race in England at Stratford. After his latest performance, I will not be surprised if he follows from Co Cork to Wantage ... Mr Moore has his ear close to the ground or a good eye for a horse, or both. Having qualified for the final of one coveted series, Claude Monet may attempt to do likewise for another by running in a Philip Cornes race at Ascot on Saturday.

Hawkbarrow, in upsetting those of us who had banked on Young Lover winning the Tolworth Hurdle became the third successful strike of the day for Barton and Gandolfo and he could have booked his ticket to Newbury on February 12 and a crack at the Schweppes Gold Trophy. But much depends on how the handicapper has treated him when the weights for that lottery are published later this week.

On Usurping and on Young Lover Francome crossed to the side of the course nearest the stands in search of better ground. In each instance he may have been unwise; Barton stuck to the inside and won. Francombe chose the inside on Aaborun, the favourite for the Village Hurdle, but to no avail.

Having looked all over the winner halfway up the straight, the prize was snatched away from him on the run-in by the Paul Leach on Komatch, who is bound for the Triumph Hurdle. Komatch is no forlorn hope to give his trainer, Martin Pipe, his second success in three years at Cheltenham, particularly if the ground there resembles a bog. Komatch excels at staying.

Richard Linley had a disappointing ride on Fifty Dollars More in the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Steeplechase. To finish second at these weights was not good enough for a possible Cheltenham Gold Cup contender and it underlined Michael Dickinson's contention that neither Wayward Lad nor Silver Buck could have been at their best at Kempton on Boxing Day.

The race revealed, for the umpteenth time, that you do not need many runners at Sandown to have the crowd on their toes. Here four of the five runners jumped the last fence almost as one. Only on the run-in did the eventual winner, Lesley Ann, get the better of Fifty Dollars More, Richdee and Manton Castle.

Lesley Ann's rider, Colin Brown, a relatively unsung hero but a mighty effective operator, was presented with the bronze statuette that is coveted by the victor in this race.

Jack O'Lantern's win in the Race Video Novices Steeplechase was almost as exciting and as much a tribute to the skill of his trainer, Peter Cundell, and his veterinary helpers as it was to the runner-up Ro's Owen, who may well have been attempting the impossible giving such a good former hurdler as much as 10 lb.

Things were humming at Haydock Park where John O'Neill rode a peach of a race to land a gamble on Cool Decision. David Dutton dropped his hands when he had the first race in his grasp on the hot favourite and lost it. Ashley House again endorsed the overall strength of the Dickinson camp by constantly outjumping and eventually outrunning Royal Judgement to win the main race of the day at Haydock. Dutton was fined £300 by the stewards for his lack of judgment. And rightly so.


Lesley Ann headed by Richdee and Fifty Dollars More at the penultimate fence.

For Auction is still a champion even in defeat

From Tony Sweeney, Dublin

For Auction, carrying 18lbs more than when he succeeded by a narrow margin in the Sweeps Handicap Hurdle last year, failed by a still shorter margin in his attempt at a repeat victory at Leopardstown on Saturday.

He would have needed only a tiny bit of luck to have pulled it off, for although he encountered a great deal of interference and it speaks highly for his gameness that he came through to take a slender lead on the flat.

After the final hurdle four horses virtually touched down in a line when For Auction squeezed Fredcoteri it looked as if the favourite was set to make racing history. Fredcoteri, getting 2st from topweight, rallied and, taking advantage of the substantial weight allowance, got back into the lead a few strides from the post. It took the judge almost 10 minutes to arrive at the verdict. Closer behind the first two were Pearlstone and Bobsline.

Pearlstone was occupying the same finishing position as he had a year ago and, taking into account the sizable swing in the weights, one gets a fair indication of the amount of improvement made by For Auction in 12 months.

His price for the Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle was reduced by William Hill to 11-4 after they had taken big bets at 3-1 in the aftermath of Saturday's race. For Auction's trainer Michael Cunningham, nominated the Wessel Industries Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on February 12 for his next appearance and said that, all going well, that would be his only other preparatory race for Cheltenham.

One of his likely opponents in the Wessel Industries Hurdle and the Champion Hurdle will be Fane Ranger. He, too, had a rough run through the Sweeps Hurdle and made up a good deal of ground from the penultimate hurdle to finish fifth, beaten no more than three lengths. Fane Ranger, a year younger than For Auction, holds more scope for development and could emerge as and interesting each-way long shot at Cheltenham.

As for the winner, he will go to Newbury on February 12 for the Schweppes Gold Trophy Hurdle. He is owned by a four-man partnership of Scots businessmen headed by Terence Murphy, who admitted afterwards that he and his associates had brought off a big coup, having backed their winner at all prices from 33-1 down to 10-1.

Fredcoteri's trainer, Arthur Moore, was winning the Sweeps Hurdle for the second time in four years: his previous scorer, Irian, had also won by a short head. The winning jockey, Tom Taaffe recently turned professional. He is the 19-year-old son of Pat Taaffe, who never won a Sweeps as jockey but trained the 1972 winner, Captain Christy.

Nottingham

12.45 DALESIDE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CHASE (handicap: £986: 2m) (2 runners)

	001-U11	LONDOLIZI (D) (W Johnson) M W Dickinson 6-11-12 (5 ex)	C Ball
	12403-P	FLASH HARRY (D) (F Yardley) F Yardley 10-11-7	G Charles-Jones

1-5 Londolozi, 3 Flash Harry

1.15 ANNESLEY HURDLE (Div I novices: £483: 2m) (15)

4	04	CHARTER PARTY (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 5-11-7	P Scudamore
5	0	CROSS COUNT (R Milward) M H Easterby 5-11-7	D Dutton
7	0003-03	HELEXIAN (B Stamper) N Tinkler 6-11-7	N Tinkler
10	0300	KYOTO (B Monkhouse) H Collingridge 5-11-7	-
12	04-03	MOSSDRUM (L Griffiths) L Griffiths 5-11-7	M Pepper 4
13	00-0033	MOUNT OLIVER (D Smith) M Scudamore 5-11-7	-
15	004	POT PARTY (R Woodhouse) R Woodhouse 5-11-7	A Stringer
16	200240	PRETTY TOUGH (Mrs T Winterton) W Clay 5-11-7	N Clay
17	20-0003	RENREBO (Baxters Commercials) P Felgate 6-11-7	P Tuck
21	00003	SUDBROOKE PARK (C Hague) N Crump 5-11-7	C Hawkins
22		TIMBER TRACK (H Joel) M H Easterby 6-11-7	J O'Neill
29	310	ICE CONE (D) (Mrs R Knipe) Mrs M Rimell 4-11-0	S Morshead
31	0	MASTER CARL (C Beaumont-Owen) P Rohan 4-10-7	D Goulding
32	00	MISS CHANSON (B) (B Yeardley) E Carter 4-10-7	P Charlton
33	20062	SWEET ANDY (P Wainwright) J Gilbert 4-10-7	G Holmes

9-4 Timber Track, 5-2 Ice Cone, 4 Charter Party, 7 Sudbrooke Park, 10 Renrebo, 14 Helexian, 16 others

1.45 FILLDYKE CHASE (handicap: £1,096: 3m 4f) (7)

	210442	FLAMENCO DANCER (C) (T Wragg) R Perkins 9-11-7	C Grant
	3F0-P10	SPRING ROCKET (H Messer-Bennetts) J Edwards 9-11-7	P Warner
	3472UP	CLEVER GENERAL (D) (Ld Cadogan) N Crump 12-11-1	C Hawkins
1	P0-00U0	RAPALLO (CD) (Mrs J Davenport) M Scudamore 13-10-13	P Scudamore
1	022-003	TROJAN WALK (G Mason) Miss C Mason 12-10-11	R Earnshaw
1	030-001	TANIA'S LAD (W Moss) W D Francis 9-10-8 (7 ex)	J O'Neill
18	2FPPP 2	SOLIHULL SPORT (Solihull Sports) J Spearing 9-10-5	A Webb

2 Flamenco Dancer, 5-2 Trojan Walk, 4 Spring Rocket, 6 Tania's Lad, 10 Rapallo, 14 others.

2.15 NOTTINGHAM CHAMPION CHASE (novices £2,003: 2m 6f) (4)

1	112-U1F	BARRIER REEF (Mrs T Tate) T Tate 6-11-11	Mr Tate
4	001210	CONNAUGHT RANGER (C) (D Minton) Mrs M Rimell 9-11-8	S Morshead
8	63.P4	CAUCASIAN (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 8-11-0	A Webb
10	0F3U02	PROFITEER (P Waring) R Perkins 7-11-0	Mr Williams 4

Evens Connaught Ranger, 5-4 Barrier Reef, 14 Profiteer, 16 Caucasian.

2.45 SARACEN'S HEAD HURDLE (handicap: £861: 2m 6f) (11)

2	014320-	BROOMLEY (W Elsey) W Elsey 10-12-3	A Flint
4	442-221	FEARLESS SEAL (Sir G Glover) R Hollinshead 6-11-7 (6 ex)	J O Neill
5	300F-00	TAN TROED (CD) (Mrs K Wallace) Mrs K Wallace 10-11-4	-
6	332000	CHANCE FLIGHT (R Sansom) J Jenkins 7-10-13	-
7	/U-0101	GLITTER STAR (D) (B Wise) B Wise 7-10-11 (6 ex)	R Rowell
8	1-04000	QUEEN'S MAGIC (Rosemary Brick & Tile) R Perkins 6-10-8	Mr D Williams 4
9	41422-4	HARVESTER GLORY (E Aldridge) H Westbrook 5-10-7	-
10	30-0001	CHAMPERS CLUB (C) (A Bullen) D Weeden 6-10-5	P Scudamore
11	3-04U44	MANDOLIN KING (R Edmondson) G Thorner 9-10-4	C McIlfatrick 7
14	4P030F-	MISTY BAY (Mrs S Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 9-10-0	P Tuck
15	0,23-00	SOLIDOR (Op Capt H Hanmer) H Hanmer 7-10-0	P Dever 7

7-4 Fearless Seal, 11-4 Harvester Glory, 7-2 Glitter Star, 8 Chance Flight, 10 Tan Troed, 16 others.

3.15 ANNESLEY HURDLE (Div II novices: £483: 2m) (14)

1	0001	FISHERMANS VIEW (D) (David Timothy) Mrs M Rimell 5-12-0	S Morshead
2	400	AL KHASHAB (P Darrett) R Hollinshead 6-11-7	J O'Neill
4		BILL SARASEN (A Dewsbury) B Cambidge 5-11-7	C Mann 4
6	0P0F-P0	DAKAR (B) (R Andrews) Mrs E Andrews 7-11-7	-
7	00	DRUMMONY (L Griffiths) L Griffiths 9-11-7	-
8	00-0030	FOREIGN PARK (Mrs M Bradshaw) S Underhill 7-11-7	G McCourt
12	03F	LING (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 5-11-7	A Webb
13	F0-2300	OFFLEYROCK (J Hibbitt) J Jefferson 6-11-7	N Doughty
14	0-P	PIN UP GIRL (Mrs H Holmes) S Holmes 6-11-7	-
16	04P	REPINGTON (J Gilman) N Crump 5-11-7	C Hawkins
17	P	SAUCY OLIVE (J Hill) J Hill 6-11-7	T Wall 4
22	0	TURLOUGH PET (B Charnley) B Charnley 5-11-7	Mr Donnelly 7
24	00	GLORY BIRD (P Rohan) P Rohan 4-10-7	M Dwyer
25		PUESDOWN (N Heskop) N Tinkler 4-10-7	N Tinkler

4-5 Fishermans View, 5-2 Ling, 13-2 Repington, 14 Al Khashab, Pusedown, 25 others.

Nottingham selections

By Our Racing Staff

12.45 Londolozi. 1.15 Charter Pasty. 1.45 Spring Rocket. 2.15 Barrier Reef. 2.45 Fearless Seal. 3.15 Fishermans View.

Chepstow

1.30 DUCK CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HURDLE (handicap: £974: 2m) (17 runners)

2	300211-	MOSSY MOORE (D) (B Chinn) B Chinn 7-12-5	-
4	2141-00	CORNISH GRANITE (C&D) (G Palmer) M Pipe 5-11-7	R Dennis 4
5	0-02021	HATTAN (D) (G Yarrow) P Mitchell 5-11-6 (7 ex)	-
6	314200	SILCAKEY (C-D) (O McDowell) D Elsworth 6-11-4	M Reeves 4
8	1f014/0	MOSSAT (D) (N Gibson) B Palling 6-11-1	-
9	310-00	ON TRUST (H Joel) J Gifford 6-10-13	P Double
10	0-21030	GUYWOOD (D) (B) (K Sykes) P M Taylor 5-10-13	R Pusey 4
11	403-001	BROOKS LAW (D) (D Bloomfield) D Bloomfield 8-10-13 (7 ex)	L Bloomfield 4
12	420000-	BUFFOON (D Elsworth) D Elsworth 8-10-10	R Arnot 8
13	00-0004	TAKEAFENCE (D) (Stratton Industrial) R Hannon 5-10-9	-
15	1020-43	DICKLIS (D) (C Weedon) K Bailey 5-10-8	James Davies 4
16	1020-02	LONG JOHN (J Kirby) J Kirby 8-10-8	-
17	1030,30	SCOTTISH AGENT (L Audus) M Ryan 7-10-8	M Wilson 8
18	p0-000	TURNTABLE (D) (Lady Herries) Lady Herries 7-10-8	M Perrett
19	0-21030	RACHEL STREET (B)(D) (J Hamman) J Hamman 7-10-8	N Coleman
20	000/	NICE VALUE (Mrs C Seymour) R Hollinshead 9-10-8	D Carcary 4
22	03020	MISS SADDLER (D) (R Hodges) R Hodges 7-10-8	Christine Young 4

9-4 Hattan, 7-2 Diokus, 9-2 Brooks Law, 6 Cornish Granite, 8 Silcakey, 10 Buffoon, 12 Long John, 14 others

2.0 PARTRIDGE CHASE (£2,460: 2m 4f) (3)

7	1112-f1	CRIMSON EMBERS (B) (Mrs S Smart) F Walwyn 8-11-2	S Shilston
9	033041	TICHYTINO (Mrs V Edmunds) N Mitchell 7-11-2	Mr Mitchell
10	4/00puf	VULGAN'S GIFT (F Gorman) F Gorman 8-11-2	J Williams

1-3 Crimson Embers, 11-4 Tichytino, 10 Vulgan's Gift.

2.30 PHEASANT CHASE (handicap: £1,875: 2m) (2)

1	1330-f1	JO COLOMBO (D) (B O'Brien) W Jenks 8-12-1 (5 ex)	R Davies
2	0234p1	ROYAL FRIEND (D) (J Thomas) J Thomas 9-11-0 (5 ex)	H Davies

4-6 Royal Friend, 11-10 Jo Colombo.

3.0 RABBIT HURDLE (Div.I novices: £1,086: 2m 4f) (19)

2	000/1	MOLL (Maj J Crockett) N Gaselee 7-11-8	V McKevitt 4
3	12	SEA SPICE (D) (B Lake) R Holder 5-11-5	P Richards
4	00f-p30	ADRO'S COMFORT (B) (G Barley) J Fnda 10-11-1	-
5	0C0	BELLEREGARDS (Mrs N Livingstone) R Armytage 6-11-1	A Webber
6	0030-00	CAPE MANDY (Mrs K Nicholas) K Nicholas 6-11-1	D Carcary 7
7	00	CEPN SIDAN (R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 6-11-1	-
8	p0/	FARENOUGH (Mrs S Wakely) P Wakely 8-11-1	-
9	pp0	GREY RECEIPT (S Mitchell) N Mitchell 6-11-1	Mr Mitchell
10	000/p	HARRYOUF (P Dufosee) P Dufosee 7-11-1	P Hobbs
11	00	HIGHWAY STING (D Simms) G Thorner 7-11-1	R Kington
12	2400-00	HILL GREEN (B McGrath) G Balding 7-11-1	B Reilly
13	pf00-0	HILL LAUGH (D Lee) F Muggeridge 6-11-1	R Muggeridge 7
15	00	POPSY'S DREAM (J Thomas) J Thomas 6-11-1	M Ley 4
16	003	MAGIC SKY (V Barclay) F Walwyn 5-10-12	S Shilston
17	00	ONARUM (J Robson) J King 5-10-12	G Jewell 7
20		TRUPER GEE (D Burchell) D Burchell 5-10-12	M Williams
22	400	PEARLY STEPS (Elisha Holding) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-0	C Brown
23	p0	TUGBOAT (B) (H Hough) P Mitchell 4-10-0	-
24	u4004	WESTERN HERO (Mrs J Langley) J Baker 4-10-0	J Williams

11-4 Moll, 7-2 Sea Spice, 4 Magic Sky, 5 Adro's Comfort, 8 Pearly Steps, 10 Onarum, 12 Cefn Sidan, 14 others

3.30 GROUSE CHASE (handicap: £1,911: 3m) (4)

1	12p-02u	TARBANK (B)(D) (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 10-12-1	K Mooney
4	44-1321	ANOTHER DUKE (D) (W Pilkington) J Gifford 10-11-5	R Rowe
9	11/u120	FLAGSTAFF (D) (Mrs G Lugg) T Forster 11-10-8	H Davies
14	01f402	TOPEKA (P Luff) M Oliver 7-10-0	P Hobbs

11-8 Another Duke, 9-4 Tarbank, 7-2 Flagstaff, 5 Topeka

4.0 RABBIT HURDLE (Div II novices: £1,104: 2m 4f) (14)

2	2322-10	NORMANDY LAD (D) (W Jenks) W Jenks 7-11-8	R Davies
4	1	WEST TIP (P Luff) M Oliver 5-11-6	P Hobbs
7	004302	ARTIC GIPSY (R Cottrell) B Palling 7-11-1	M Williams
9	03	CORPORAL MAX (Mrs E Mitchell) N Mitchell 6-11-1	Mrs Mitchell
11	00	JORO (Mrs R Candge) R Holder 6-11-1	P Richards
14	00/fppo	SANDBOY (R Cowsott) R Hartop 6-11-1	M Floyd
15	00	SNAPPER CREEK (B Chinn) O O'Neill 7-11-1	J Suthern
16	00	THYRAPID (A Bakker) W Jenks 6-11-1	S O'Neill
17	000f-0p	VILLAGE TARQUIN (C Jones) R Head 7-11-1	K Mooney
20	40000-0	MOUNT IRVINE BAY (Mrs S Tucker) D Tucker 5-10-12	S McNeill
22	0403	SOVEREIGN STEED (I Maddocks) I Maddocks 5-10-12	-
23	0-02322	SUTTON PRINCE (Shaikh Ali Abu Khamsin) L Kennard 5-10-12	R Linley
26	00	COMRA (Mrs M Lichman) H Candy 4-10-0	-
28	000	SPARE WHEEL (T Baker) J Baker 4-10-0	J Williams

Blinkers: 1

7-4 Sutton Prince, 3 West Tip, 5 Normandy Lad, 6 Comra, 8 Sovereign Steed, 10 Artic Gipsy, 14 others.

Chepstow selections

1.30 Dioklis. 2.0 Crimson Embers. 2.30 Royal Friend. 3.0 Moll. 3.30 Flagstaff. 4.0 Sutton Prince.

SANDOWN PARK

1.0: 1, Henry Kissinger (15-8 jt-fav), 2, New Lyne ... 3, Benny's Boy (15-8 jt-fav). 4 ran.
1.30: 1, Claude Monet (11-4); 2, Usurping (2-1 fav); 3, Good Habit (50-1). 9 ran.
2.0: 1, Jack O'Lantern (7-1); 2, Ro's Owen (9-2); 3, Oscar Wilde (9-4). 4 ran. Leander Blue (evens fav).
2.30: 1, Lesley Anne (13-2); 2, Fifty Dollars More (4-6 fav); 3, Richdee (7-2). 5 ran. NR: Royal Judgement, Scot Lane.
3.0: 1, Hawkbarrow (13-2); 2, Young Lover (5-4 fav); 3, Divine Truth (2-1). 4 ran.
3.30: 1, Komatch (3-1); 2, Aaborun (15-8 fav); 3, Birsaco (10-1). 15 ran.

WARWICK

1.15: 1, Mollington (8-11 fav); 2, Rawdy (14-1); 3, La Gavina (12-1). 9 ran.
1.45: 1, Ryeman (5-6 fav); 2, Lucyfar (6-4); 3, Learn Lord (12-1). 6 ran. nr. Celtic Brew, Sandaley.
2.15: 1, Irish Gloria (3-1 fav); 2, Tarsa (5-1); 3, Emmabel (14-1). 11 ran. nr. Vaconti, Jimmy Martin, The Disco Dago, Brunton Park, Cambridge Gold.
2.45: 1, Magic Tipp (9-4); 2, Spartan Major (100-30); 3, Ivory Thrust (5-6 fav). 3 ran. nr. The Mighty Mac.
3.15: 1, Torreon (11-10 fav); 2, Wealth O Wiltshire (33-1); 3, Citadel Roc (9-1). 9 ran. nr. Hasty Retreat.
3.45: 1, Nimble Dove (6-4); 2, Whitehall Bridge (11-8 fav); 3, Jubilee King (33-1). 9 ran. nr. Dogwalk, Greatest Hits.

HAYDOCK PARK

12.45: 1, The Last Prince (10-1); 2, Saeran (6-5 fav); 3, Anaca (8-1). 14 ran. NR Venturer.
1.15: 1, Ashley House (5-4 fav); 2, Royal Judgement (100-30); Political Pop (11-2). 6 ran.
1.45: 1, Cool Decision (5-2 fav); 2, Hasty Storm (9-2); 3, A Kinsman (7-1). 7 ran.
2.15: 1, Pea-Cock-Ade (15-2); 2, Threlkeld Hall (10-1); 3, Medway Gauntlet (5-1). 8 ran. Celtic Brew (evens fav).
2.45: 1, Lawnswood Miss (5-1 fav); 2, Centurion (16-1); 3, William The First (8-1). 13 ran
3.15: 1, Fred Pilliner (4-1); 2, Ram The Thor (11-8 fav); 3, Harcotoro (6-1). 6 ran. NR Belle Boy.

LEOPARDSTOWN

2.5: 1, Fredcoteri (10-1); 2, For Auction (3-1 fav); 3, Pearlstone (8-1). 15 ran.

● Lesley Ann is now 20-1 for the Gold Cup with the bookmakers Ladbrokes and 33-1 with Corals. Ladbrokes have reduced For Auction half a point to 3-1 favourite to retain his champion Hurdler's crown, while Corals are more generous at 7-2. Ashley House, who won The Grand National Trial at Haydock Park is quoted at 20-1 by Corals for the big event

STATE OF GOING: Chepstow: heavy. Nottingham: hurdle, heavy; chase, good to soft. Tomorrow: Leicester: hurdle, heavy; chase, soft. Wetherby: soft.

RUGBY LEAGUE

The weaker brethren find life is still hard

By Keith Macklin

The draw for the first round of the Challenge Cup, sponsored by State Express, has been cruelly hard on the second division clubs and the weaker clubs in the first division. Few have much hope of survival and those who do survive, due to mutual pairings, will do badly at the gate.

The outstanding game is Widnes against Leeds, two great cup-fighting sides who featured in a dramatic semi-final last season, won at the death by Widnes. Cardiff City, *Carlisle and Fulham, the new clubs,* are all drawn away from home with the best chance of survival falling to Fulham, at Rochdale Hornets.

● Widnes, last season's beaten finalists, will play Leeds in the first round of the Challenge Cup, sponsored by State Express. Hull, the holders, have a seemingly easy task at Blackpool, while the much-improved Wigan will have a home tie against Castleford providing they can beat Cardiff in the only preliminary round game.

Draw: Preliminary round: Wigan v Cardiff. First round: Widnes v Leeds; Warrington v Bramley; Wakefield v Keighley; Wigan or Cardiff v Castleford; St Helens v Carlisle; Hunslet v Hull KR; Blackpool Borough v Hull; Salford v Leigh; Rochdale v Fulham; Huddersfield v Halifax; Bradford Northern v York; Oldham v Workington; Swinton v Doncaster; Barrow v Whitehaven; Dewsbury v Huyton; Featherstone v Batley.

Ties to be played weekend of February 12-13.

There were some remarkable and dramatic finishes in yesterday's championship matches, with several games being decided in the closing seconds. St. Helens further dented Hull's championships aspirations with a 19-18 win. Leeds remained top of the table after sneaking a 13-12 victory at Warrington, and Halifax drove their supporters wild with a late try and goal to beat Leigh 11-10. In the second division a late dropped goal game Whitehaven a 12-12 draw at Keighley.

FIRST DIVISION: Bradford Northern 20, Barrow 15; Featherstone Rovers 5, Oldham 2; Halifax 12, Leigh 11; Hull Kingston Rovers 25, Carlisle 3; St Helens 19, Hull 18; Warrington 12, Leeds 13; Wigan 20, Castleford 8, Workington 12, Widnes 29.
SECOND DIVISION: Blackpool Borough 11, Hunslet 15; Bramley 13, Cardiff City 8; Dewsbury 15, York 12; Huyton 5, Wakefield Trinity 35; Keighley 12, Whitehaven 12; Rochdale Hornets 16, Batley 2; Salford 55, Doncaster 5; Huddersfield 7, Fulham 22.

EQUESTRIANISM

Family event for Phillips

Captain Mark Phillips led a team of event riders to victory over the show jumpers in the Martell Cognac Prix at Harwood Hall, Upminster, yesterday and also won the individual competition from David Broome by sixteen points. The six riders all rode strange horses in turn over a course that included fences resembling cross-country obstacles. The event team of Captain Phillips, Virginia *Holgate* and *Diana Clapham* started as rank outsiders.

RESULT: 1, M Phillips, 180 pts; 2, D Broome, 175; 3, Miss V Holgate, 172; 4, Miss D Clapham, 170; 5, Miss C Bradley, 163; 6, H Smith, 155. Team Prize: 1, Three-day event riders 522 pts; 2, Show jumpers 492.

● The Australian show jumper Guy Creighton on Spring Melody beat a fine field of Australian and overseas riders when he took the Grand Prix of Australia event in the Wentworth Park Show Jumping Championships in Sydney.

GOLF

Dexter achieves an unlikely ambition to win the Putter

By John Hennessy, Golf Correspondent

Ted Dexter won the President's Putter for the first time at Rye yesterday after three previous failures to surmount the final hurdle. He beat Andrew Stracey, a fellow Cabridge Blue, by thee and two, having disposed of the holder, Donald Steel, by the same margin in the *morning.*

Dexter has prospered in the cockpit of Test cricket so often that the Putter might have been regarded as small beer. Not a bit of it. He was, as he said afterwards, "Really thrilled. It's an ambition fulfilled".

He will treasure the manner of his victory. He played impressive golf, putting aberrations apart, throughout the whole tournament. In the final, particularly, he was out in 35, one over par, and had played six more holes in par before Stracey surrendered on the 16th green. Give Dexter a 12ft putt there and a par finish, he would have been round in 69.

Stracey, 18 years the junior, was unmoved by his opponent's glowing public persona and was a match for him off the tee, an unusual experience for Dexter. Indeed, Stracey got in the first blow with a birdie at the first hole – the only par five on the course – by way of a superb five-iron from light rough.

Another four at the short second, however, surrendered the lead and Stracey went behind at the fourth. The next two holes put him back in the lead – but for the last time. A nasty kick off the fifth green frustrated Dexter's ball and briefly his serenity and at the next, he was comprehensively out-driven by Stracey over the sand ridge.

From then on, the match belonged emphatically to Dexter. He had abandoned his reverse putting grip, switching allegiance from Langer to Crenshaw, and displayed such a sure touch that one *wondered why he is so often given* to experiment. As with his cricket, he probably thinks too deeply about the mechanics of the game and trusts too little to his natural gifts.

A two at the seventh sprang from a hammer thrust from eight yards, of which Crenshaw would have been proud, and a 10-footer went sweetly home to give Dexter the lead for the second time at the ninth. *Stracey played three loose* shots to the 10th green, where Dexter, thoroughly in tune now with his putter (and mistrustful of his chipping, if the truth be told) rolled the ball up dead from well off the green. Dexter achieved his third birdie at the 12th, ignoring the wind and floating a pitch shot 10ft from the hole.

Dexter was now two under fours and level par for the round. Another par four should have ended the match at four and three conveniently by the clubhouse on the 15th green, but here Dexter produced *his one poor putt of the* round, a five-footer struck with little conviction. It mattered not when Stracey took three to reach the next green.


Winning style: Dexter heads for the 16th green during a battle of the boys with blues.

In the semi-final, Dexter had been only one over fours against Steel. Stracey recovered from two down at the 10th against Grant to win the next five holes.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS: fourth round: A Aldrich-Blake bt J M T Warman one hole; A P Stracey bt N A H Rogan 6 and 5; A W J Holmes bt C P Harrison 8 and 7; N J Grant bt W H Barclay 2 and 1; M J Reece bt C J Weight 4 and 3; E r Dexter bt J J N Caplan one hole; D M A Steel bt G S Melville at 19th; M F Baigent bt J N Davie 3 and 2.
Fifth round: Stracey bt Aldrich-Blake 3 and 2; Grant bt Holmes 3 and 2; Dexter bt Reece one hole; Steel bt Baigent 4 and 3
SUNDAY'S RESULTS: semi-final: Dexter bt Steel 3 and 2; Stracey bt Grant. Final: Dexter bt Stracey 3 and 2.

Peete moves into lead

Tucson (Arizona) Reuter.–Calvin Peete scored a four-under-par 66 yesterday and moved into a one-stroke lead over Johnny Miller and Scott Hoch after three rounds of the Tucson Open tournament here.

Peete, who won four tournaments last year, had a nine-under-par 201. Miller, four times a winner here, had a 67 and Hoch had a 72 for their 202 totals. Peter Oosterhuis, of Britain, had a third round 72 for a *total of 209.*

Peete held a two-stroke lead over Hoch until he was one over par at the final hole, landing his approach shot in the back bunker, blasting to 12ft and then two-putting.

Miller moved into contention with birdies at the 16th and 18th holes. Both times, he hit his approach shots to within 2ft of the cup.

On Friday, Hoch equalled the course record with a seven-under-par 63 to lead at the halfway stage.

THIRD ROUND: 201: C Peete (68, 67, 66). 202: J Miller (66, 69, 67); S Hoch (67, 63, 72). 203: L Wadkins (68, 67, 68); J Rassett (67, 64, 72). 204: F Zoeller (71, 65, 68); G Morgan (65, 71, 68); J Haas (66, 69, 69). 205: H Blancas (72, 69, 64); C Coody (70, 68, 67); K Fergus (68, 67, 70); L Miller (68, 69, 68). 206: C Strange (72, 67, 67); A Bean (69, 69, 68); M Hayes (66, 70, 70).
British: 209: P Oosterhuis (69, 68, 72).

Trevino for NBC

New York (AP) – Lee Trevino, troubled by back problems that have limited his appearances on the golf tour, is to become a commentator for NBC. The third leading money winner in the history of the Professional Golfers Association tour, Trevino will make his debut on the air on the Bob Hope Desert Classic on January 22-23. An NBC spokesman said that Trevino would work part-time, continuing on the tour while working as a commentator.

REAL TENNIS

Angus Cup for Deuchar

By Roy McKelvie

Lanchlan Deuchar, an assistant professional at Hampton Court, won the Eric Angus Cup sponsored by George Wimpey, at Queen's Club yesterday. He defeated the holder, Jonathan Howell, by 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 in the final of this under-24.

The match of the event was Howell's semi-final win over the amateur, Michael Gradon by 5-6, 6-5, 6-4. Gradon led 5-3 and 40-15 in the second set-match points which Howel saved by attacking the grille. Curiously, it was almost the same when they met in 1982. Gradon appears to freeze at crucial moments.

RESULTS: semi-final L. Deuchar bt M. Taylor 6-1, 6-3; J. Howell bt M. Gradon 5-6, 6-5 6-4. Final: Deuchar bt Howell 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

SKIING

All balance and power: Irene Epple sweeps to an effortless victory in the super giant slalom.

Miss Epple finds answer to problem of 'super-g'

Verbier (Reuter) – The West German, Irene Epple, gave an effortless display of technical prowess when she swept home well ahead of the field in a women's World Cup super giant salom here yesterday. Miss Epple's win in 1 min 16.70 sec almost a quarter of a second ahead of the runner-up. Hanni Wenzel (Liechtenstein), lifted her three places to fifth in the overall World Cup standings.

It was a fine achievement on a course which serveral racers said was the most difficult they had faced this season, despite brilliant sunshine and hard, powdery snow. It was the first super giant slalom women had raced at World Cup level, and many skiers were simply clearly little prepared for the complex twists and turns on the new event.

"Nobody's trained very much for the super-g," a delighted Miss Epple said. She shrugged off the problems mentioned by others: "I didn't train at all until the season began."

Miss Wenzel, who clung on to second place in the overall standings after yesterday's race, said the 1,350-metre course was too steep for a super giant. She lost her grip during the second half after striking a gate.

Tamara McKinney of the United States, who is still recovering from ankle injury suffered over Christmas, produced the best intermediate time but was third after going too straight at a gate.

France took five of the top 10 places – to the apparent surprise of some team members. "I'd never done a super-g before and I was a bit worried at the steepness of the slope here", Hélèn Barbier said.

An important absentee from yesterday's field was Erika Hess (Switzerland), the World Cup champion, and the Swiss team put up a poor show without her. Zoë Haas achieved their highest placing of joint twelfth.

Miss Hess, who took part unofficially yesterday, is still recovering from a knee operation in late December, and as Swiss trainer, Jean-Pierre Fournier, said he was not sure when she would return to full competition. Most participants agreed that Miss Hess, who won the Val d'Isère event easily, would have been among the top racers

LEADING RESULTS: 1, I Epple (WG) 1:16.70; 2, H Wenzel (Liech) 1:16.94; 3, T McKinney (US) 1:16.98; 4, C Nelson (US) 1:17.31; 5, F Serrat (FR) 1:17.33; 6, M Epple (WG) 1:17.48; 7, H Barbier (FR) 1:17.87; 8, E Chaud (FR) 1:17.89; 9, A Rey (FR) 1:18.04; 10, P Pelen (FR) 1:18.10.
GIANTS AND SUPER GIANT Rankings: 1, Miss Wenzel and Miss McKinney 35 pts; 3, E Hess (Switz) and I Epple 28; 5, Miss Serrat 21; 6, Miss Barbier 20; 7, M Epple 18; 8, E Kirchler (Austria) 17; 9, U Konzett (Liech) and Miss Rey 13.
OVERALL WORLD CUP RANKINGS: 1, Miss Hess 105 pts; 2, Miss Wenzel 89; 3, Miss McKinney 80; 4, Miss Kirchler 59; 5, I Epple 52; 6, C Cooper (US) 50; 7, M Epple 39; 8, Miss Pelen 33; 9, H Wiesler (WG) 30; 10, C Attia (FR) 29.

Resch masters hazards as Canada pair crash

Val d' Isere (Reuter) – Erwin Resch, of Austria, had an exciting men's World Cup downhill victory as Canada's challenge ended in a flurry of snow and falling skiers here yesterday. Resch, whose win moved him up five places to fourth in the overall downhill standings, recorded *one minute 59.26 seconds on a fast,* difficult 3,410-metre course. Peteri Luescher and his fellow Swiss Conradin Cathomen, took second and third places in 1min 59.44sec and 1min 59.56sec respectively.

The Swiss, Peter Müller, provisionally placed second, was disqualified for missing a gate. Video replays showed his boot had passed outside a gate on the way down. Canadian hopes ended when Todd Brooker, with an intermediate time that would have given him first or second place, crashed out just before the last gate.

Minutes later his colleague Steve Podborski, who had been skiing well, made an even more spectacular exit when he smashed head-on into a gate on the stage of the course known as the compression. He hit the gate at about 60 miles an hour and slid spreadeagled for about 200 metres.

Afterwards, with facial cuts and bruising on the front of his body, Podborski said: "Everything's OK. There's no doubt I'll be racing in the second downhill".

The Austrian, Franz Klammer, still leads the overall downhill standins despite a disappointing run. He could manage only 13th place in 2min 61sec and said afterwards: "I was too tense. I was not aggressive enough and I made too many mistakes".

The race was one of two men's downhill evens transferred from the French alpine resort of Morzine, where mild temperatures and rain earlier last week ruled out any chance of racing. The second event will be raced here today.

A light covering of overnight snow made the course fast and tricky, and many skiers came to grief at the gate on the compression section, which involves a sharp, fast right-hand turn. Course officials said the piste had become particularly icy there, giving racers little chance to grip with the edge of their skis as they hurtled round the bend.

RESULTS: 1, E Resch (Austria), 1:59.26; 2, P Müller (Switz), 1:59.32; 3, P Luescher (Switz), 1:59.44; 4, C Cathomen (Switz), 1:59.56; 5, K Read (Can), 1:59.57; 6, M Mair (Ita), 1:59.84; 7, H Weirather (Austria), 1:59.71; 8, S Mali (Switz), 1:59.87; 9, F Stoelzl (Austria), 1:59.93; 10, U Raeber (Switz), 2:00.00.
WORLD CUP STANDINGS: 1, Weirather 84 pts; 2, Müller 80; 3, P Zurbriggen (Switz) 79; 4, F Heinzer (Switz) 72; 5, Cathomen 67; 6, F Klammer (Austria) 64; 7, Luescher 57; 8, I Stenmark (Sweden) 53; 9, Raeber 51; 10, K Read (Can) 49.
DOWNHILL STANDINGS: 1, Klammer 84 pts; 2, Cathomen 58; 3, Weirather 56; 4, Resch 45; 5, Read 42; 6, Raeber 40; 7, Müller 35; 8, Heinzer 23; 9, L Spock and H Hoeflehner (Austria) 22.



CRICKET: ENGLAND RISE FROM ASHES READY FOR ONE-DAY MATCHES

Umpires receive Botham bouncers

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Melbourne

It is with a sense more of relief than despondency, I think, that England's cricketers have come to the end of the first and more important part of their tour. Though disappointed to have lost the Ashes, the margin by which they did so (Australia won two Tests to England's one) was somewhat flattering.

In England's defence, they had very little time to settle down before the Test matches started; they suffered some bad umpiring decisions and had to put up with too much short-pitched bowling: at times a great deal too much. When, in Brisbane, umpire Bailhache decided that the time had come to warn the Australian captain of this, the response, official and otherwise, was such that Bailhache retired from Test umpiring.

Much space was given in yesterday's Australian papers to an assertion by Botham that two umpiring decisions "probably cost England the last Test match". One, of course, was when Dyson, though clearly run out, was given in in the first over of the match: and the other allowed Hughes, then seventeen, to escape when the England side were certain he had been caught at short leg off Hemmings.

Dyson went on to make 79, Hughes 137. What one may be fairly sure of, though, is that if Australia had had a similar setback they would not have had to wait for another hour before taking their first wicket, as England did. As the weaker side, especially in bowling, England were less able to absorb such frustrations.

An eclectic eleven, chosen from all those who played in the series, might contain, two, at the most three, Englishmen. Last Friday evening when the series was over, Willis paid tribute to Gower's increasing maturity, to Lamb for having batted well, to Taylor, the unsung hero, to Fowler for having improved on a bad start, and to Cowans: "We have got a part of the way with Norman" (Cowans), he said, "He has the potential if he can take the heartaches". Randall, too, has had a good tour: he was top of the Test batting averages and has given much pleasure in the field.

Because so much is expected of him, Botham was a disappointment. They tend to think of him in Australia as a home cricketer – outstanding only in England. This winter he had caught brilliantly, taken 18 Test wickets at a highish cost, and reached 25 in six of his ten innings without ever going on the rampage.

Both batting and bowling Botham has not had the best of luck with the umpires. As a batsman he has rather fallen between two stools, knowing that he is at his most dangerous when he throws the bat, yet not wanting to let the side down by seeming irresponsible. There are still the one-day matches in which Australia maybe treated to the best of Botham's batting. I hope they will be – and that he will soon get down to losing some weight. As a highly paid professional sportsman he really ought to.

As an attraction, the Test series was an undoubted success. The thrilling finish to the Melbourne Test provided England with a wonderful tonic and did much to put one-day cricket, vis a vis Test cricket, in perspective. This time last year the managing director of PBL Marketing, a Packer subsidiary which promotes the first-class game in Australia, was saying that "Test cricket as it is presently constituted is archaic. People will no longer sit through five days of a match. Those days are long gone". He, happily, has been resoundingly put in his place.

Tomorrow England start out on the second leg of their winter package when they play the first of their ten, or, if they reach the final, fifteen one-day matches. The England players had the week-end off – and deserved it. Before escaping for a couple of days Willis said "see you a rock'n roll time". The programme for the next eight days is typical of what they have in store.

They practice today under the Sydney lights, which will be a new experience for as many as eleven of them: tomorrow they play Australia in a day night match: on Wednesday they fly to Melbourne: on Thursday they play New Zealand in Melbourne: on Friday they fly to Brisbane, where they play New Zealand on Saturday and Australia on Sunday: and on Monday they fly back to Sydney. There will be no easy matches. If New Zealand start as the outsiders, they have the advantage of being the freshest of the three sides.

The intention is to pick the best England side while they are in the running to reach the final. What they will consider that to be is another matter. Has the time come for Gould to be brought into play, to open the batting and keep wicket. Should Jesty be given his chance, to lengthen the batting and bowl, at medium pace? Would Miller, Hemmings or even Marks be the most useful? Might Jackman's accuracy and experience be perpared to Cowan's greater pace?

Tavaré will probably be given a rest, Cook certainly will be. Between them, in the Test matches, they played sixteen innings, in fourteen of which they scored 94 runs at an average of 6.71. In each of the othet two Tavaré made 89. England's average opening partnership was sixteen. Oh my Gooch and My Boycott long ago ⅛

Within the last six months England have beaten Pakistan, Pakistan have thrashed Australia and Australia have now got the better of England. These are resusits which point to the fascinating discrepancies between the game in the three countries. No one has found it harder to adapt to the extra bounce and pace in Australia, often only slight, than Tvaré. His method has proved too static to make him as hard to shift in Australia as he is in England and was in India last winter. Back in England, and in Pakistan next winter, he wil no doubt be more consistent again. With so few opening batsmen left to choose from, it is important that he should be.



Gower earns praise from Willis for his increasing maturity.

Australia win again

Melbourne – Australia made a good start to the Benson and Hedges World Cup series yesterday beating New Zealand by eight wickets with 3.2 overs in hand, John Woodcock writes. Between the last hour of the match and the first there was a complete contrast. New Zealand having begun as though Australia might be left in the region of 250 to win rather than 182.

Wright and Edgar started by making 84 in only 16 overs, Wright playing particularly well. But Rackmann, tall and blond, took four quick wickets, at medium pace, and later when Hadlee was looking as though he might revive the New Zealand innings, he was well run out by Hughes, captaining Australia for the first time at home. In the end New Zealand were all out with five of their 50 overs still in hand.

In last year's corresponding competition, when West Indies and Pakistan were the visiting sides, Australia lost all their six matches on the Melbourne cricket ground. They developed a complex about the pitch and yesterday's game was played on the relaid part of the square – on the Test wicket in fact – which played quite well.

With Turner nursing a knee injury and Howarth failing New Zealand were let down by their middle order. A crowd of 45,137, no shortage of New Zealanders among them, saw Wessels and Dyson – after a few moments of uncertainty against Hadlee in the opening overs of Australia's innings, take gradual control.

Australia left out Yardley, their main spinner, and put New Zealand in – routine tactics in the one-day game. Although it made no difference in the end, Australia, especially Thomson, got away with a good many balls which, in this form of cricket, are best called wides. On this occasion the two umpires, Whitehead and Crafter, had difficulty establishing a uniform interpretation. The man of the match was Dyson.

NEW ZEALAND

J Wright c Dyson b Rackemann	54
B Edgar lbw b Rackemann	38
*G Howarth c and b Rackemann	5
J Crowe c Lawson b Chappell	7
J Coney c Marsh b Rackemann	4
J Morrison c Marsh b Thomson 10	10
P Webb b Lawson	9
R Hadlee run out	24
L Cairns c Hookes b Lawson	7
M Snedden c Marsh b Hogg	2
E Chatfield not out	0
Extras (9b 7w 5nb)	
Total (all out 44.5 overs)	181

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–84, 2–89, 3–98, 4–114, 5–126, 6–134, 7–167, 8–173, 9–181.

BOWLING: Lawson 7-5-1-28-2, Thomson 9-1-39-1, Hogg 8-0-32-1, Rackmann 10-1-39-4, Chappell 10-1-22-1.

AUSTRALIA:

K Wessels b Snedden	79
J Dyson not out	78
G Chappell c and b Snedden	3
*K Hughes not out	7
Extras (3w 11l-b 1b)	15
Total (for two wickets)	182

D Hookes, A Border, †R Marsh, G Lawson, R Hogg, J Thomson and C Rackemann did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1–154, 2–158.

BOWLING. Hadlee 9 4–2–36–0, Chatfield 10–4–18–0; Snedden 10–1–47–2; Cairns 8–1–30–0; Coney 9–1–36–0

Tasmanian tail wags

Devonport, Tasmania (Reuter) – Sturdy tail-end batting by Tasmania in their first innings put the home side in a commanding position at the close of play on the second day of the four-day Sheffield Shield match against Victoria.

Tasmania resumed at 81 for six, still 72 runs short of the Victorian first innimgs total, but sound batting by Saunders (79 not out), the West Indian Holding (39) and Woolley (35) denied Victoria the quick breakthrough they needed. Holding then trapped Weiner lbw for six to leave the Victorians requiring 109 to make Tasmania bat

In Brisbane a third-wicket partnership of 65 between Wood and Marsh helped Western Australia to 125 for two at close of play on the second day of their Sheffield Shield match against Queensland.

DEVONPORT: Victoria 163 and 20 for 2 Tasmania 262 (Saunders 79 not out, McCurdy 5 for 98).

BRISBANE: Queensland 394 Broad 89, Philips 56, Hogan 5 for 74); Western Australia 125 for 20.

Schools success

Harare (Reuter) – The English Schools touring team, who drew with Zimbabwe Schools in the final match of the four-week tour, have won seven, drawn two and lost one of their 10 matches.

SCORES: English Schools 211 (Pepper 45, Redram 38, Palmer 48) and 212 (Whitmore 64, Barnard 38): Zimbabwe Schools 251 (Whitehouse 3 for 31, Rose 3 for 43) and 101 for 7 (Rose 3 for 21).

Pakistan now two up

Faisalabad, Pakistan, (Reuter) – another superb all-round performance by Imran Khan, captain, gave Pakistan a comfortable 10-wicket win over India in the third Test to give them a 2-0 lead in the series. He took 11 for 182 in the match, as well as scoring a belligerent 117, to take the man-of-the-match award for the second Test in a row.

India, resuming at 181 for three, added only 105 runs as Imran and Sarfraz Nawaz destroyed their batting. Imran, finished with five for 82. Sarfraz took four for 79.

The only Indian batsmen to offer any resistance after Mohinder Amarnath had been dismissed for 78 was Sunil Gavaskar, captain and opening batsman. He played superbly for an unbeaten 127, including 19 fours, in 437 minutes. It was his 26th Test century and he now needs only three more to equal Sir Donald Bradman's record of 29.

India scored 372 in their first innings to which Pakistan replied with 652, including centuries by four players.

Gavaskar said: "Pakistan played a much better game and deserved to be the winners. If only our batsmen had shown the application of the first innings when they batted the second time the result would have been different." He praised Amarnath's effort and said as long as he was in the middle, India had a chance to save the match.

A jubilant Imran, said he was "extremely happy" about the result. He said he had always believed in decisions, and said he was looking forward to positive results in the remaining three Tests as well.

The fourth Test will be played at Hyderabad in Pakistan's Sind province from January 14. Before that the Indians will play a three-day match against the North-West frontier Governor's XI at Peshawar starting next Monday.

INDIA: First Innings: 372 (S M Patil 85, S M H Kirmani 66, Madan lal 54, G R Viswanath 53; Imran Khan 6 for 100).

Second Innings

*S M Gavaskar not out	127
Arun Lal, c C Zaheer, b Sarfraz	3
D B Vengsarkar, lbw b Imran Khan	1
G R Viswanath, c Javed, b Sarfraz	9
M Amarnath, lbw b Imran	78
S M Patil, b Imran	6
Kapil Dev, c Sikander, b Sarfraz	16
†S M H Kirmani, c Wasim Bari, b Sikander.	6
S Madan Lal, lbw b Sarfraz	10
Menider Singh, lbw b Imran	2
D R Doshi, b Imran	4
Extras (l-b 9, n-b 14, b 1)	24
Total	286

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–27, 2–28, 3–48, 4–193, 5–201, 6–227, 7–236, 8–261, 9–282.

BOWLING: Imran, 30.5–12–82–5; Sarfraz, 33–11–79–4; Mudassar, 11–3–27–0; Qadir, 11–1–33–0; Sikander, 9–3–41–1.

PAKISTAN: First Innings: 652 (Zaheer Abbas 168, Javed Miandad 126, Imran Khan 117, Salim Malik 107; Kapil Dev 7 for 220).

Second Innings

Mudassar Nazar, not out	2
Mohsin Khan, not out	8
Total (for no wicket)	10

Mansoor Akhtar, Javed Miandad, Zaheer Abbas, Salim Malik, *Imran Khan, †Wasim Bari, Sarfaz Nawaz, Abdul Qadir and Sikander Bakht did not bat.

BOWLING. Arun Lal, 1.1–0–6–0, Dilip Vengsarkar, 1–0–4–0.

SWIMMING

Minute barrier broken by Otto

Indianapolis, (Reuter – The East German women's team, led by Kristin Otto, set two world records and collected four gold medals at the United States swimming championships on Saturday. Otto became the first woman to complete the 100-metres backstroke in less than a minute with a time of 59.97 seconds.

She later joined Ute Geweniger, Ines Geissler and Birgit Meineke to swim a 400-metre medley relay that was also a world best of 4 minutes, 2.85 seconds.

Saturday's results.

MEN: 400 metres individual medley: 1, J Kostoff (US), 4min 19.52sec; 2, R Madrugal (US), 4:19.97; 3, B Von Jouanne (US), 4:21.49. 50 metres freestyle: 1, S Ang (Sing), 22.42sec; 2, P Holmertz (Swe), 22.65; 3, J Spencer (US), 22.68. 200 metres breaststroke: 1, J Moffet (US), 2min 14.75sec; 2, A Moorehouse (Eng), 2:17.10; 3, J Ulbarri (US), 2:17.55. 100 metres backstroke: 1, F Baltrusch (E Ger), 56.08sec; 2, L Craft (US), 56.23; 3, B Baron (Swe), 56.59. 400 metres freestyle: 1, B Petric (Yug), 3min 47.24sec; 2, J Kostoff (US), 3:48.11; 3, D Petric (Yug), 3:50.09. 400 metres medley relay: 1, United States A, 3min 41.25sec; 2, Arizona State University A, 3:45.80; 3, United States B, 3:48.17.

WOMEN–400-metre individual medley–1, T Caulkins (US) 4:42.16, 2, P Gavin (US) 4:44.73, 3, S Linke (US) 4:47.68; 50-metre freestyle–1, B Meineke (E Ger) 25 31, 2, J Sterkel (US) 25.38, 3, D Torres (US) 25.48; 200-metre breaststroke–1, U Geweniger (E Ger) 2:26.86, 2, D Rousey (Can) 2:31.98, 3, B Acker (US) 2:33.75; 100-metre backstroke–1, K Otto (E Ger) 59.97, 2, C Sirch (E Ger) 1:00.86, 3, S Walsh (US) 1:02.44; 400-metre freestyle–1, K Linehan (US) 4:04.13, 2, M Linzmeier (US) 4:04.46, 3, C Schmidt (E Ger) 4:05.90; 400-metre medley relay–1, East Germany 4:02.85, 2, United States A 4:09.72, 3, United States B 4:13 47.

On Friday, Kostoff lowered the world's best time for the 800 metres freestyle to 7min 44.53sec, while Bergit Meineke set a record of 1min 56.35sec in her women's 200 metres victory.

MEN: 800 freestyle–1, J Kostoff (US) 7:44.53, 2, D Petric (Yug) 7:48 74, 3, J Mykkanen (US) 7:58.77, 5, A Astbury (GB) 8:04.12; 100 breaststroke–1, J Moffet (US) 1:01.82, 2, J Ulbarn (US) 1:02.29, 3, A Moorehouse (GB) 1:02.85; 200 freestyle–1, B Petric (Yug) 1:48.27, 2, B Gaines (US) 1:48–30, 3, P Holmertz (Swe) 1:48.74; 100 butterfly–1, B Hering (US) 54.15, 2, B Placak (US) 54.28, 3, C Beardsley (US) 54.65; 200 individual medley–1, R Von Jouanne (US) 2:01.58, 2, P Ferreira (US) 2:03.02, 3, Jens-Peter Berndt (E Ger) 2:05.27; 800 freestyle relay–1, Sweden 7:21.46, 2, United States 7:27.28.

WOMEN: 800 freestyle–1, T Cohen (US) 8:23.53, 2, M Linzmeier (US) 8:25.71, 3, M Richardson (US) 8:28.01; 100 breaststroke–1, U Geveniger (E Ger) 1:07 85, 2, K Rhodenbaugh (US) 1:10.76, 3, A Knipping (US) 1:11.49; 200 freestyle–1, B Meineke (E Ger) 1:56.35, 2, K Linehan (US) 1:58.58, 3, S Linke (US) 1:59.94; 100 butterfly–1, M Meagher (US) 59.43, 2, J Sterkel (US) 1:00.26, 3, I Geissler (E Ger) 1:00.43; 200 individual medley–1, K Otto (E Ger) 2:12.05, 2, T Caulkins (US) 2:12.68, 3, P Gavin (US) 2:14.97; 800 freestyle relay–1, United States A 8:01.46.

YACHTING

A blow for pursuers

Geeolong, Victoria (Reuter) – Westerly gales yesterday forced officials to abandon the seventh and deciding heat of the Flying Dutchman world yacht championship in Corio Bay. The race has been postponed till today but Royal Geelong Yacht Club officials were optimistic that the weather will have improved.

Winds of 45 knots, gusting to nearly 60 knots, swept Corio Bay throughout the day, failing to ease in the afternoon as they did the previous day. All 45 yachts were kept ashore, and 90 minutes after the scheduled start, officials announced there would be no racing for the day.

Instead crews of the three leading boats from Sweden, Germany and Canada relaxed on shore. Only 1.7 points separate the three crews going into the final. The Swedes, Bengt Hagander and Magnus Kjell have led the series since wining the second race.

RESULTS: (sixth race) 1, A Schwarz and P Froschl (WG); 2, T McLoughlin and E Baster (Can); 3, A Batzill and M Müller (WG); 4, F and A Fischer (WG); 5, J and E Diesch (WG); 6, J Richards and P Allam (GB).

PROVISIONAL STANDINGS (after six races): 1, B Hagander and M Kjell (Sw) 43.7 penalty points; 2, McLoughlin and Baster 44.4, 3, Schwarz and Froschl 45, 4, Diesch 56; 5, Brown and Burton 60; 6, Batzill and Müller 60.7.

Cambridge University entrance awards

The following Entrance Awards have been made at Cambridge University.

CHRIST'S COLLEGE

Scholarships:

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Unusually there was a spate of lettings, either signed or agreed, just before Christmas which added a filip to an otherwise lacklustre market. King William Street House now looks set to become the new home for Warburg while the West of England Shipowners' Insurance Services is taking 40,000 sq ft in Taylor Woodrow's International House at St Katharine's Dock.

Now it seems that City accountants Neville Russell are poised to sign the lease on the former Bank of Montreal's offices at 246 Bishopsgate. It is understood the firm is leasing the 50,000 sq ft premises at a rent of between £13 and £14 a sq ft.

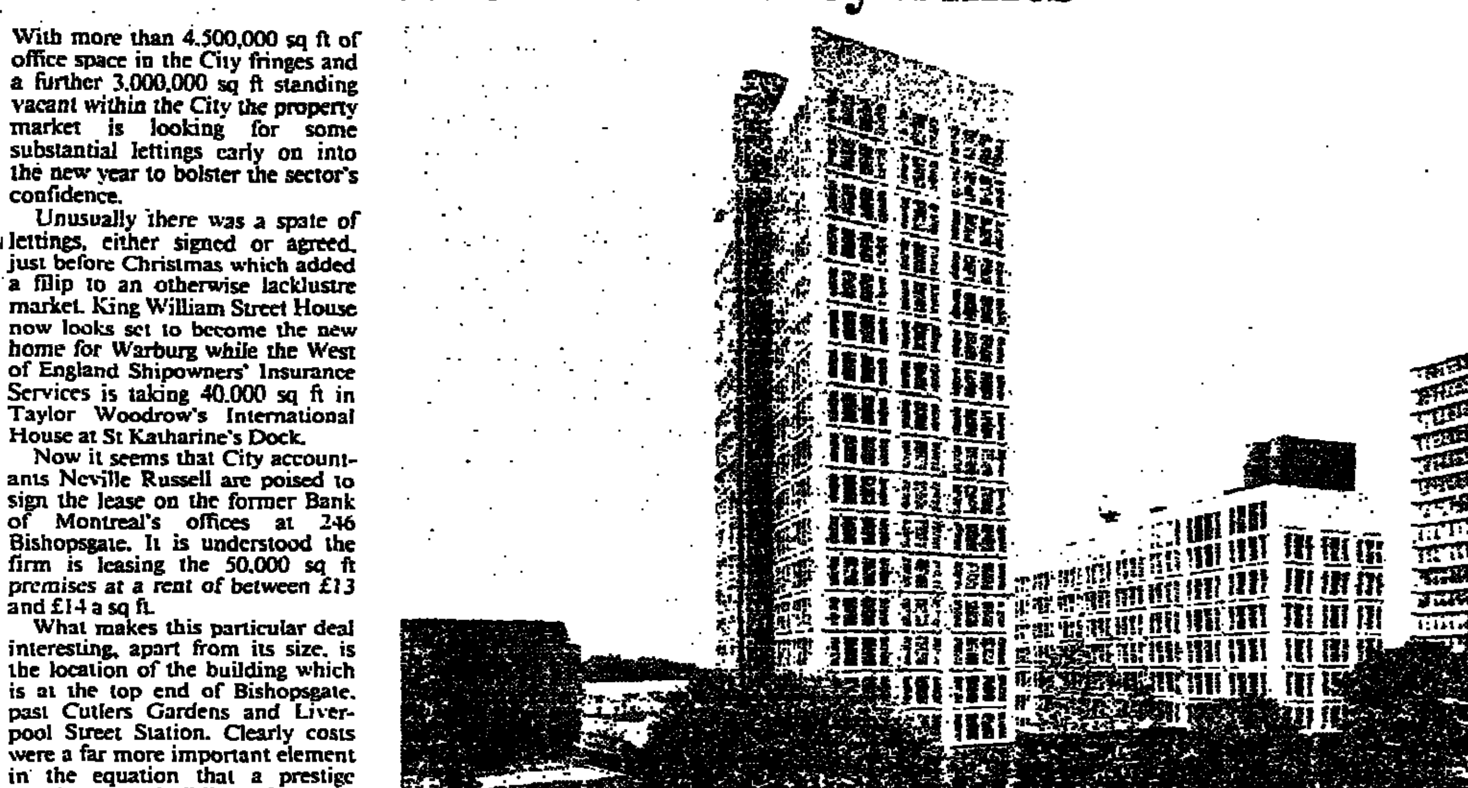
What makes this particular deal interesting, apart from its size, is the location of the building which is at the top end of Bishopsgate, past Cutlers Gardens and Liverpool Street Station. Clearly costs were a far more important element in the equation that a prestige location or building for that matter.

At the moment Neville Russell is spread about in three City office buildings with Artillery Lane as the main location. But leasing of 246 Bishopsgate will not bring all the staff under one roof and the firm is deciding how it will reorganize staff and buildings.

According to a spokesman from Richard Ellis, the agents acting for Neville Russell, the accountants will assume the existing rent which has another four years to run before the next review, and a very small premium, "tens of thousands rather than hundreds of thousands", was paid.

Demand for this part of the City has not exactly been bubbling over in recent months. Despite long awaited lettings in Greycoat Estates' Cutlers Gardens no major deals have materialized although a number of potential tenants are supposed to be "in the pipeline".

As the stockbrokers Scrimgeour Kemp-Gee note in their latest circular, if the rumour surrounding Commercial Union's St Helen's Undershaft building is true and it finds a single tenant to lease the entire block then the market will receive a boost.



Despite the generally depressed nature of Birmingham's Edgbaston office market Commercial Union Properties' block at 54 Hagley Road is continuing to let steadily. A further 3,500 sq ft of space has been let to Canada Life Assurance at an initial rent of £6 a sq ft. Only 18,000 sq ft in the 157,000 sq ft building is still vacant. Edwards Bigwood & Bewlay and Jones Lang Wootton are joint letting agents.

Despite the gloom surrounding the London office market, property shares have witnessed an unseasonal spurt with the Stock Exchange watching the movement of Percy Bilton. Since the founder's death a week ago the shares have risen about 20p on very strong bid rumours.

The property, construction and civil engineering group is being regarded by some observers as a ripe plum waiting to be picked. With a property portfolio standing at some £57.5m together with current assets of about £21.5m it is believed that Bilton would fit neatly into the operations of a mumber of companies.

Some brokers are pitching potential bids at about the 245p a share level valuing the company at about £90m although the opening salvo, if it is forthcoming, will probably be closer to 210p - 215p.

One company which is being quietly tipped as a possible suitor is Sir Lawrie Barratt whose Barratt Developments is extremely keen to build up its property development side and retain for investment. Certainly Bilton has a number of obvious attractions for Barratt Developments especially as much of the portfolio, both investment and development, is in the south, a preferred area of expansion for Sir Lawrie.

UK funds are expected to increase their buying activities in the North American property market according to Jones Lang Wootton's New York partner Mr Simon Milde. He says that opportunities for investment have probably never been better as most local sources of finance are out of the market and there is a healthy supply of properties on the market.

During the past six months yields for prime offices have eased quite considerably to between 9½ and 12 per cent from 7 and 9½ per cent while internal rates of return expected by purchasers have risen by three or four points to a between 17 and 20 per cent.

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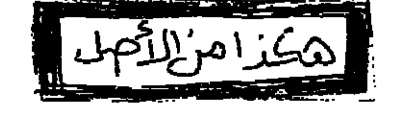
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9.10 For Schools, Colleges: A Good Job with Prospects. 9.38 Making the best of yourself at work. 10.00 You and Me. Living on a narrowboat. For four- and five-year-olds (not Schools). 10.15 Music Time. 10.38 British Social History: The Cholera's Coming. 11.00 The properties of sea water. 11.23 Talkabout. 11.42 General Studies. Stephen Milligan looks at the ideal and the reality of the Common Market. 12.10 Closedown.

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Fern Britton. The weather prospects come from Bill Giles. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles). 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. Included is Frank Delaney's regular weekly feature about books and authors. 1.45 Chigley. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r).

2.01 For Schools, Colleges: The story of the Three Little Pigs. 2.18 The growth of London during the 18th century. 2.40 Composing film music. 3.00 See Hear! A magazine programme for the hard-of-hearing (shown yesterday). 3.25 Jump Run. The magic of skydiving (r). 3.40 Lynn Marshall's Everyday Yoga. A new series of day by day yoga movements. Lesson one: The Standing Stretch into Refresher. 3.53 Regional news (not London).

3.55 Play School. For the under fives (shown earlier on BBC 2). 4.20 Cartoon: Laurel and Hardy characters in Spook Loot (r). 4.25 Jackanory. Andrew Burt reads the first part of The Dangerous Journey, by Elizabeth Renier. 4.40 Jigsaw. The first of a new series of word games. 5.05 Newsround. The latest world news for young people presented by Paul McDowell. 5.10 Blue Peter presenter by Simon Groom, Sarah Greene and Peter Duncan.

5.40 News with Moira Stuart. 6.00 South East at Six presented by Sue Cook, Laurie Mayer and Fran Morrison.

6.25 Nationwide.

6.50 Cartoon: Tom and Jerry.

6.55 Tom Jones Now: The first of a news series, recorded in America, featuring the popular singer. His guest is Gladys Knight.

7.20 Tales of the Gold Monkey: The Lady and the Tiger. Breath-taking adventure as Jake is challenged to a duel by a Japanese cowboy.

8.10 Panorama: The Opren Scandal. A two-part investigation into the drug that was hailed as the answer to arthritis-sufferers' prayers. In this first part Tom Mangold shows how the claims by the manufacturers of the drug were not backed up by their research.

9.00 News with John Humphrys.

9.25 Film: Gable and Lombard (1976) starring James Brolin and Jill Clayburgh. The first showing on British television of the film that chronicles the passionate years of two of Hollywood's biggest stars. As he waits for news about the crash of the aeroplane carrying Carole Lombard, Clark Gable recalls the days when they were together. The director is Sidney J. Furie.

11.33 News headlines.

11.35 Making the Most of the Micro. Ian McNaught-Davis with a second series that looks at the uses of micro computers. This first programme is entitled The Versatile Machine and features Richard Gomm, almost totally crippled from birth, who uses his computer to control equipment around his room (shown earlier on BBC2).

12.00 Weather.

ITV/LONDON

9.30 For Schools: Alan Rothwell examines America's Red-Tailed Hawk. 9.47 An introduction to Europe. 10.04 The history and dialect of the Black Country. 10.31 Electron microscopy. 10.48 A-level physics. 11.08 Understanding numbers and basic maths. 11.22 Good Health. 11.39 The business districts of Manchester and Los Angeles.

12.00 Alphabet Zoo. For the very young, presented by Ralph McTell and Nerys Hughes. 12.10 Let's Pretend to the story of the Smallest Circus in the World. 12.30 Nice Work If You Can Get It, presented by Liz Fox. A new series that examines the plight of some of the three million plus unemployed.

1.00 News with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news presented by Robin Houston. 1.30 Farmhouse Kitchen. Grace Mulligan and her guest, Sarah Brown, with some ideas for Beans, Grains and Pasta. 2.00 Wild, Wild, World of Animals; A look at some of the 'immigrant' species of American wildlife. The narrator is William Conrad.

2.30 Snooker: The Lada Classic. Highlights of the first-round match between Cliff Thorburn and Cliff Wilson. Introducing the action from the Spectrum Arena, Warrington, is Dickie Davies.

4.00 Alphabet Zoo. A repeat of the programme shown at mid-day. 4.15 Dangermouse in part one of The Return of Count Duckula. 4.20 Spiderwoman. A new animated adventure series. In this first episode our heroine teams up with Spiderman to fight some alien mummies who are planning to take over the earth. 4.45 This is Me. The first guest of the new series is 13-year-old Michael Grant, the keyboard player for the pop group Musical Youth. 5.15 Keep it in the Family. Domestic comedy series. This evening the Rush's are having second thoughts about allowing their daughters to have a flat-within-the-home.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of the capital's Conciliation Services designed to help resolve disputes between divorcing parents over access to the children.

6.35 Crossroads. Diane Hunter is offered a job with prospects and Valerie Pollard makes some serious accusations about Paul Ross.

7.00 Wish You Were Here . . .? Introduced from the International Boat Show. There are items on holidays afloat; a hotel package at Portoroz in northern Yugoslavia; and a superior self-catering development in St David's, South Wales.

8.00 Mike Yarwood In-Person. The man of many parts in the first of a new series.

8.30 World in Action: The Power Brokers. An examination of the tactics used by salesmen from American nuclear corporations to sell systems to Britain which the United States cannot afford.

9.00 Quincy. The investigative pathologist is in a race against time when he discovers a community has been exposed to toxic waste.

10.00 News.

10.30 Snooker: The Lada Classic: Highlights of the Terry Griffiths/Doug Mountjoy first round match.

12.00 Darkroom. A tale of suspense introduced by James Coburn. A cripple, down on his luck, finds a box containing priceless powers.

12.35 Close with Richard Pasco reading from the works of Cardinal Newman.

Mike Yarwood: ITV 8.00pm

CHOICE

● Tomorrow's public inquiry at Snape Maltings to decide whether or not the Central Electricity Generating Board should build an American-designed nuclear power station at Sizewell in Suffolk has prompted two programmes on the subject tonight. Thankfully, they approach the argument from different angles. First, World in Action's **THE POWER BROKERS** (ITV 8.30pm) examines the methods used by salesmen representing American nuclear corporations when they approached the British authorities to buy a design which had already been abandoned in the United States because of cost and doubts about its safety. Later, Horizon's **SIZEWELL UNDER PRESSURE** (BBC 2 9.25pm) ask some searching questions about the reasons why the CEGB are adamant that they should build a power station similar to the infamous one at Three Mile Island. Despite that accident the Board insist that what they want to build is a tried and tested design but in fact nobody has ordered a reactor of that particular design since 1978. Why, the programme asks, have they not considered the Canadian-designed reactor regarded as the most reliable in the world?

● Nearly 70 years ago, when she was four-years old, Kathleen Wasama was brought to England from her native Ethiopia by a missionary couple and settled in Yorkshire. Settled is perhaps the wrong word because she became an early victim of colour prejudice in Britain. In SURVIVING (BBC 2 10.15pm) she talks about what it was like to be virtually the only black person in the county. At times she was paraded at prayer meetings as an example of a heathen and later became so desperate she tried to rid herself of her blackness by applying turpentine to her skin. The story of her fight in adulthood to retain her identity is touchingly told.

● The legend of one of our favourite folk heroes, Robin Hood, takes something of a knock in David Buck's clever ballad play, **BARNESDALE WAKE** (Radio 4 8.00pm). The story is told by two balladeers, travelling with King Richard, who are ordered, by way of diversion for the king, to sing and recount as many songs and stories that they know about the Sherwood Forest outlaw

BBC 2

10.10 Business Club. A new series designed to help owners of small businesses to survive the depression (first shown yesterday) 10.35 Tecair Ltd. The first of five programmes about industrial organisation for technician students (r) 11.00 Play School. For the under fives, presented by Rosalind Wilson and Chris Tranchell 11.25 Maths Help. Lesson 11: Factors (r) 11.40 Let's Go. The first of a new series for those living or working with the mentally handicapped (shown yesterday) 11.55 Closedown.

2.15 de Bono's Thinking Course. A ten-part series about thinking skills, presented by Dr Edward de Bono. (r) 2.40 Women in the Eighties: United We Sit. The story of a seven month sit-in by women workers in a threatened jeans factory in Scotland (r) 3.05 Making the Most of the Micro. The first of a new series on computers (re-shown later on BBC 1) 3.30 Closedown.

4.20 Film: Arch of Triumph* (1948) starring Ingrid Bergman and Charles Boyer. The pre-war story of an Austrian doctor fleeing Nazi tyranny and the down-on-her-luck prostitute he meets in Paris.

6.30 Riverside. Model Making. An investigation into the world of fashion and photographic modelling. The programme looks at the prospects of today's hopefuls and assesses the career of Celia Hammond, a top model in the 1960s.

7.00 News summary.

7.05 Portraits and Reflections. Sir Huw Wheldon introduces a documentary, made by John Read, about the German artist, Albrecht Durer who died in 1528 (r).

8.00 A Special Dad's Army starring Arthur Lowe, John Le Mesurier and Clive Dunn. Captain Mainwaring's contingent are pitted against their deadliest rivals, Eastgate, in a test of initiative. This is umpired by the warden, the vicar and the verger.

9.00 Pot Black. The start of the 15th series and the first match is between two former world champions, Steve Davis and Ray Reardon. Introduced by Alan Weeks.

9.25 Horizon: Sizewell Under Pressure. On the eve of the decision whether or not we need an American-designed nuclear power station in Britain, Horizon weighs the pros and cons of the debate.

10.15 Surviving. The first of six programmes examining victims of racial prejudice in Britain. The first subject is Kathleen Wasama, an Ethiopean, now in her 70s who came to live in Yorkshire when she was four-years-old.

10.35 Newsnight. The latest world and domestic news plus an extended look at one of the stories that made this morning's headlines. Ends at 11.30.

CHANNEL 4

4.45 Cartoon Alphabet. Tim Brooke-Taylor introduces the first of a 13-programme series covering the A to Z of cartoons.

5.15 Preview 4. David Stranks with the best on offer on this channel during the coming week.

5.30 Making the Most Of . . . Ideas for leisure activities. Bernard Hepton talks about what theatre groups have to offer; Peter Briers talks about the delights of canal tow-path walking; and John Brown continues with his clay modelling.

6.00 I Love Lucy* Lucy and Ethel, after arguing with their respective spouse, go to Palm Springs for a holiday where, to their delight, they meet Rock Hudson.

6.30 Make It Count. Fred Harris with a series that is aimed at those whose mind goes blank when confronted with any sort of figure work.

7.00 Channel Four News.

8.00 Basketball. Live coverage of the National Basketball League match between Crystal Palace and Birmingham Bullets.

9.00 The Comic Strip Presents . . . Five Go Mad in Dorset. Very loosely based on the Enid Blyton characters the programme is a spoof on one of her stories about the gang doing some detective work while on holiday in the West Country (r).

9.35 Whatever You Want. The programme for young people this week examines the implications of last Monday's drama documentary, Moonchild, in which former Moony, Chris Carlson, recounted his story about life in the Unification Church. In the studio discussion are David Fraser-Harris, the Unification Church's press officer in Britain; two brothers, Philip and Mark Brouard, a member and ex-member of the religion; their father; a Mr Cassidy who is happy that his daughter is a Moonie; two ex-Moonies; and Eileen Barber, a sociologist who has studied the Unification Church for six years.

10.30 Opinions. Indian writer Ved Mehta is the author of 12 books yet since the age of three, when he suffered from meningitis, he has been blind. Tonight he talks about his disability.

11.00 The Eleventh Hour: Live a Life. The last concert to be filmed at London's Rainbow Theatre. Sponsored by the Trade Unions Congress in support of the unemployed the artists appearing include The Beat, Black Slate, Tom Robinson, OK Jive and Alexei Sayle. Interwoven with the music and comedy are young peoples' viewpoint on the links between slavery, modern technology and the dole queue.

12.25 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Week. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather Forecast. 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.30, 8.30 News Headlines. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.35 The Week On 4.
8.43 The Best Of Myles. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Start The Week With Richard Baker.†
10.00 News.
10.02 Money Box. Issues affecting personal finance.
10.30 Morning Story.
10.45 Daily Service.†
11.00 News; Travel.
11.03 Down Your Way visits Ashford, Kent.
11.48 Poetry Please!
12.00 News.
12.02 You and Yours. Consumer Advice.
12.27 Lord Peter Wimsey (2). 12.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
1.00 The World At One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour. Sue MacGregor introduces items on Fast Family Fare in which Mary Berry, in the first of six demonstrations, explains how to prepare real and wholesome food without any fuss; The Passionate Pilgrim in which June Knox-Mawer examines the life and work of Katherine Mansfield; and Maze of Benefits Frances Bennett's explanation of the various Social Security benefits.
3.00 News.
3.02 Afternoon Theatre. The Honourable Schoolboy by John Le Carré.†
4.30 Weigh-in (last in series). The facts and fallacies of dieting. In desperation David Ponting takes his stomach on a belly-dancing course.
4.40 Story Time. The Mutiny and Piratical Seizure of HMS Bounty, by Sir John Barrow (6).
5.00 News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six o'clock News including Financial Report.
6.30 I'm Sorry, I Haven't A Clue.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Start The Week With Richard Baker.†
8.00 The Monday Play. Barnsdale Wake. A ballad play on the life and times of Robin Hood by David Buck.†
9.30 Kaleidoscope. Presented by Paul Vaughan. There are reviews of Patricia Highsmith's book, People Who Knock on Doors; the latest production of Sheridan's School for Scandal, starring Donald Sinden and Beryl Reid, at the Theatre Royal Haymarket; and the Robert Benton-directed film, Still of the Night. 9.59 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight. News.
10.30 Science Now.
11.00 A Book At Bedtime. An Ice-Cream War by William Boyd (6). †
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Music At Night.
12.00 News, weather followed by an interlude.
12.15 Shipping Forecast; Inshore Forecast.

VHF as above except 6.25 Weather; Travel. 10.00-10.45 For Schools: 10.00 See for Yourself. 10.10 Time to Move. 10.30 Functional Reading. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Let's Move. 11.20 Voix de France. 11.40 Movement and Drama. 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.00-3.00 For Schools: 2.00 Introducing Geography. 2.20 The Bicycle. 2.40 Arts Workshop: Drama. 5.50-5.55 PM. 11.00-11.30 Study On 4: Twentieth-Century European Authors – Italian.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert. C.P.E Bach, J.C.F. Bach, J.C. Bach, records. 8.00 News. 8.05 Morning Music from Cleveland. Concert: Charles Martin Loeffler, Ned Rorem.†
1.00 News.
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert. From St John's, Smith Square, London: Mozart, Schumann, Ravel.†
2.05 Matinee Musicale. Grieg, Dag Wiren, Vaughan Williams, Lyadov, Malcolm Arnold.†
3.05 New Records. Beethoven, Schumann, Johann Gottlieb Goldberg, Bach.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly For Pleasure.†
6.30 Music For Organ. From New College Chapel, Oxford: Bach, Henry Purcell, John Stanley, Michael Tippett, Piston.†
7.05 Freud Rediscovered. Dr Cafford Yorke, medical director of the Hampstead Child-Therapy Course reflects on Freud versus Jung and Adler, by the late Walter Kaufmann, and argues that self-understanding is crucial to the exploration of the Mind. †
7.25 Sibelius. Concert.†
8.25 Time On Our Hands. Anthology of poetry and music.†
8.45 Beethoven. String quartet recital.†
10.15 Schubert's Symphonic Sketches. Illustrated talk by Brian Newbould.†
10.45 Jazz in Britain. European Tuba Quartet.†
11.15 News.


Polly James: Radio 4 11.48am

Radio 2

5.00a.m. Colin Berry† 7.30 Ray Moore† 10.00 Jimmy Young† 12.00 Music While You Work† 12.30 FA Cup Draw direct from the Football Association Headquarters at Lancaster Gate. 12.35 Gloria Hunniford, including 2.2 Sports Desk†. 2.30 Ed Stewart, including 3.2 Sports Desk† 4.00 David Hamilton, including 4.2, 5.2 Sports Desk† 5.45 News; Sport. 6.00 John Dunn, including 6.50 Sports Desk† 7.30 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and Big Band Era. 8.45 Humphrey Littleton with The Best of Jazz † 9.30 Star Sound. A musical look at the world of films 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 Stop The World. 10.30 Stuart Hall (sterio from midnight). 1.00 Star Choice.† 2.00-5.00 You And The Night And The Music with Patrick Lunt† VHF as above except 10.00-12.00 as Radio 1.

Radio 1

6.00a.m. Mike Smith. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Andy Peebles, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 What Next? The world of New Technology. 8.00 David Jensen. 10.00 John Peel. 12.00 Close.

World Service

6.00am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 7.30 Just a Minute. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Peebles' Choice. 8.30 Anything Goes. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Waveguide. 9.25 Good Books. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Music Now. 10.15 Staying On. 10.30 Album Time. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News about Britain. 11.15 Jazz Workshop. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15pm Animal, Vegetable or Mineral? 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 1.30 Country Style. 1.45 Talking about Music. 2.15 I Say, You Chaps. 2.30 John Peel. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Musician at Large. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Book Choice. 5.15 Just a Minute. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary. 8.15 Short Story. 8.30 Musician at Large. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Classical Record Review. 11.30 Animal, Vegetable or Mineral? 12.00 World News. 12.09am News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Let's all go to the Music Hall. 1.00 Waveguide. 1.10 Paperback Choice. 1.15 Outlook: News Summary. 1.45 Music for the Court of Louis XIV. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network U K. 2.30 Sports International. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britian. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 John Peel. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Voices to Remember. 5.45 The World Today.
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FREQUENCIES: Radio 1 MF 1053kHz/285m or 1089kHz/275m. Radio 2 MF 693kHz/433m or 909kHz/330m. Radio 1/2 VHF 88-91MHz. Radio 3 VHF 90-92.5MHz, MF 1215kHz/247m. Radio 4 LF 200kHz/1500m and VHF 92-95MHz. Greater London Area MF 720kHz/417m. LBC MF 1152kHz/261m, VHF 97.3MHz. Capital MF 1548kHz/194m, VHF 95.8MHz. BBC Radio London MF 1458kHz/206m and VHF 94.9MHz. World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1

WALES 10.38 am 11.00 I Ysgolion: Y Ganrif Hon 12.57 pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines 3.53-3.55 News of Wales headlines 6.00-6.25 Wales Today. 6.50-7.20 Focus on Rugby. 12.00 midnight News and weather SCOTLAND 11.00 am-11.23 For Schools: Let's See 12.55 pm-1.00 The Scottish News 6.00-6.25 Reporting Scotland. 6.50-7.20 Bowls. Scottish Indoor Championships: National Junior Singles Final 11.35-12.05 am Cearcall News and weather; NORTHERN IRELAND 12.57pm 1.00 Northern Ireland News 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News 6.00-6.25 Scene Around Six. 6.25-6.50 Land 'N' Larder 6.50-7.20 Showcase 12.00 midnight News and weather; ENGLAND 6.00 pm 6.25 Regional News Magazines 6.50-7.20 East-Nine Good Men and True (Tribute to the Cambridge Boat Crew of 1982 Midlands-The Pied Piper. North East-Off The Peg. North West-Yes! South West-Isles Apart. West-RPM 12.05 am Close

S4C

Starts 2.00 pm Ffenestri. 2.20 Y Twlpau. 2.35 Daearyddiaeth Brasil. 2.55 Interlude. 3.05 Today's History: Why War? 3.30 Face the Press. 3.55 Other Side of the Tracks: Paul Gambaccini presents the first of a fortnightly series on the music business. 4.50 Clwb S4C. 4.55 Pili-Pala. 5.00 Rhwcedabaw. 5.30 I Love Lucy. 6.00 Avengers. 6.55 Gair yn el Bryd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Ser. 8.00 Newydd Bob Nos. 8.30 Almanac. 9.00 American Football. 10.00 Film: Blue Dahlia. War veteran finds his unfaithful wife murdered. 11.30 Jazz on Four. 12.30 am Closedown.

CHANNEL

As London except: 1.20-1.30pm News. 2.00 Stretch Hunter. 5.15-5.45 –Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30-7.00 One Of The Boys. 9.00-10-00 Magnum. 12.00 Closedown.

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30-2.30 Legends of the Screen: Ginger Rogers, Dorothy Lamour, Myrna Loy and Rhonda Fleming. 5.15 Private Benjamin. 6.00-7.00 News. 12.00 Come Close. 12.15 am Closedown.

TSW

As London except: 1.20-1.30pm News. 2.00-2.30 Stretch Hunter. 5.15-5.45Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 One Of The Boys. 9.00-10.00 Magnum. 12.00 Postscript. 12.05am Closedown.

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Superstar Profile: Olivia Newton John. 5.15-5.45 Mr And Mrs 6.00-7.00News. 9.00-10.00 Minder. 12.00 Private Benjamin. 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 11.39-11.54am About Wales People. 6.00-7.00pm Wales At Six.

TYNE TEES

As London except: Starts 9.20 am Good Word. 9.25-9.30 News. 1.20 pm-1.30 News and Lookaround. 2.00-2.30 Doctor Woman. 6.00 News. 6.02 Mr and Mrs. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life. 12.00 Meanings Renewed. 12.05 am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.20-1.30pm News. 2.00-2.30 Moura Lympany in Concert. 5.15-5.45 Mr And Mrs. 6.00 Calendar. 6.30-7.00 Enterprise '83. 12.00 Closedown. SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20-1.30pm News. 2.00-2.30 Survival. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.40-7.00 Crime Desk. 12.00 Late Call. 12.05am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN

As London except: Starts 9.25am First Thing. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Preview. 5.15-5.45 Mr and Mrs. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.35-7.00 Harnessing the Past. 12.00 Living and Growing for Adults. 12.30am News. 12.35 Closedown.

ULSTER

As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 New Fred and Barney Show. 5.15-5.45 Mr and Mrs. 6.00 Good Evening, Ulster. 6.30-7.00 Lifestyle. 12.00 News at Bedtime, Closedown.

BORDER

As London except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Benson. 5.15-5.45 Private Benjamin. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.15 Magic World of Joe Wade. 6.30-7.00 Mr and Mrs. 12.00 News. 12.03 am Closedown.

GRANADA

As London except: 1.20 pm-1.30 Granada Reports. 2.30 Hands. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 Private Benjamin. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 12.00 Amazing Years of Cinema. 12.30 am Closedown.

TVS

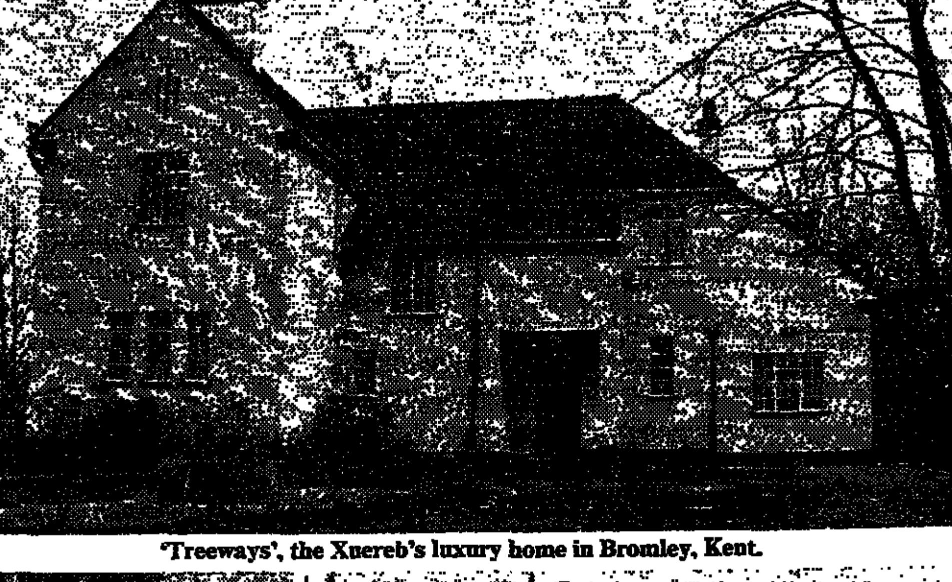
As London except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Welcome Back Kotter. 5.15-5.45 Benson. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.30 DJ: with David Jenson and Pauline Black. 7.00-7.30 Real World. 9.00-10.00 Minder. 12.00 Company, Closedown.

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Lauel and Hardy*. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30-7.00 Benson. 12.00 Victims. 12.30 am You Know the Old Saying, Closedown.



Mr and Mrs Xuereb yesterday after police freed them.



'Treeways', the Xuereb's luxury home in Bromley, Kent.



Mr Anthony Xuereb: Received £2m demand.



Police guarding the house in Kemble Road, Croydon, where the kidnap victims were held.

Five days of kidnap terror end at a Croydon house

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

At 7pm last Tuesday, January 4, Mr Emmanuel Xuereb, aged 33, and his wife Maria pulled up outside their home in Bromley, Kent, at the end of a day's work and a shopping expedition. Mr Xuereb climbed from the car with the shopping, walked to his front door and into the start of blindfolded captivity at the centre of a kidnapping plot.

A band of men, disguised by black woollen Balaclavas pulled over their heads, had broken in and were lying in wait. First Mr Xuereb, the son of a wealthy Hatton Garden diamond merchant, and then his wife, aged 25, were seized. The couple were threatened with a knife, blindfolded and put into a vehicle after their luxury home had been stripped of cash and jewelry.

The Xuerebs, who were married five months ago, were driven away. Within hours their captors made a series of telephone calls to the home of Mr Anthony Xuereb, the victim's father, at Chislehurst, Kent.

Among them was one from Mr Emmanuel Xuereb himself. He told his parents that they had to do whatever they were told by his captors or he would be killed. His father was instructed to go to his son's house to see the damage and tidy up. The kidnappers wanted to avoid arousing the neighbour's suspicions.

It was while he was there that, shortly after midnight on Wednesday morning, one of the kidnappers rang with the message: "You have seen what we have done. We are not playing. Do not delay. We will send a finger a day. You have plenty of money and it is going to cost you money".

Mr Xureb, aged 60, was given no ransom demand but was told that he would receive his son's head in a box if he did not follow instructions. The caller told him "we have our eyes on you" and forbade any contact with the police.

Recorded message from his son

But immediately after the first call the family had called in Scotland Yard. Before midnight on Tuesday a surveillance team was watching the empty Xuereb home, the calls were being monitored and a detective inspector was constantly wityh Mr Xuereb senior.

Overall command of the police operation was placed in the hands of Commmander William Hucklesby, head of the Yard's anti-terrorist squad, who was aware that the kidnappers seemed to be watching the Xuereb family.

As in previous kidnapping cases in recent years the press were given details of the situation with the proviso that nothing was printed until the kidnapping was over.

On Wednesday afternoon the magnitude of the kidnappers' demands bacame clear. Mr Xuereb was told to raise £2m during a telephone call in which he was played what is believed to have been a tape-recorded message from his son, a message that even the police found "heart rending".

The ransom demand was accompanied by a murder threat and indications that the caller was well versed in the diamond merchant's financial affairs. All the calls seemed to come from one man, who described himself as "Raymond".

The man maintained his pressure by a call late on Wednesday night threatening that if money was not paid by Friday Mr Emmanuel Xuereb would lose a hand and there was more talk of murder. With the police advising him, to gain time, his father told the caller of the difficulties of raising cash.

At the same time the Xuereb family had to maintain an apparently normal appearance in public. Mr Xuereb went about his business in Hatton Garden and staff at the son's wine business in east London were told he had been taken ill.

Some indication of his true state came to light on Thursday when his father was told to collect a package from a telephone kiosk near the World Trade Centre close to Tower Bridge. Inside was a tape-recorded message which began with the words: "Papa. Papa, get me out".

The tape was accompanied by a drawing of a hand with a finger missing and the words "One a day every day". The kidnappers also sent four Polaroid photographs of the Xuereb couple and of Mr Xuereb alone, standing naked and blindfolded.

The amount of money demanded by the kidnappers was dropping from their original figure but a deadline was set for Monday, today.

On Friday there were more calls with fresh threats and Mr Xuereb had raised over £200,000. The police were laying plans to be ready at any rendezvous and take the kidnappers when they tried to collect the ransom.

Suddenly, at 4 am on Saturday morning, everything changed. Mr Xuereb was telephoned by his daughter in law, calling from a call box in south London. She had been freed and told to call him.

The Yard sent a taxi from their pool of disguised police vehicles to pick her up. She arrived with a written message. The kidnappers wanted £525,000 in cash, gold and Kruggerands.

In their message they told Mr Xuereb: "I know you have gold assets. If you love them more than your son keep them, if not, pay up and let this thing finish. It is up to you."

Mrs Xuereb also brought details of her captivity. She and her husband had been kept in a cleanly painted room, possibly a cellar. They had not been injured but the kidnappers were "not kind people". The couple were kept blindfolded even when they were given food and drink.

There were other details which interested the police. Mrs Xeureb had been taken in a vehicle to the call box but the drive had been very short. After the kidnapping had taken place the drive to the kidnappers' hideout had also been short.

Exactly what other details she gave the police is not known but at 5.34am yesterday morning the police closed in on a house in Kemble Road, Croydon. Mr Xuereb was freed.

Photographs by Brian Harris, John Voos and Suresh Karadia.

Frank Johnson at the Pantomime

Turn again Whittington, Birmingham loves you

Journeying south from the Derbyshire of the Skinners and the Devonshires, Birmingham, and Saturday night, was soon upon me. What do people do in Birmingham on a Saturday night in early January?

According to all those surveys of the future of mass leisure, which were so much a feature of 1982, they repose in front of their videos, and will do so even more remorselessly in years to come. This seemed an unnatural future for mankind, ths world in which people would not want to go out on a Saturday night.

On this Saturday night in Birmingham, a pantomime was playing at the Hippodrome, and every seat in the vast auditorium was taken, the audience comprising, in roughly equal proportions, adults and children. According to the authorities on these matters, neither the Birmingham Hippodrome, nor the pantomime, should really have survived into the world of television, let alone the world of video. The Hippodrome did indeed give the impression that it had had to struggle for survival.

As for the pantomime, surely it should have disappeared by now. It is essentially a late Victorian genre, whatever its links with the *commedia dell' arte*.

But here were both the Hippodrome and the pantomime amid the coils of Birmingham's ring roads. The band blared. The curtain rose on Dick Whittington. Immediately we were in a world similar to that discussed by Orwell in that essay on Donald McGill's postcards. "Your first impression is of overwhelming vulgarity... Your second impression, however, is of indefinable familiarity. What do these things remind you of?... What you are really looking at is something as traditional as Greek tragedy, a sort of subworld of smacked bottoms and scrawny mothers-in-law."

I had assumed that in order to draw the attention of a modern audience the pantomime would be different from those of my childhood, 30 or so years ago, or of folk memory. But this show was probably more traditional than it would have been then.

Perhaps people have enough modernity from television. But television did have one important influence on the proceedings. When Idle Jack came on, he was greeted with the applause and cheers of recognition. Consultation of the programme revealed that this was because he was Benny from *Crossroads*.

When the Captain and his Mate arrived, the recognitin was near-hysterical. This was because they were The Krankies, a husband and wife team from *Crackerjack*. In a line of work which precludes much televiewing, I was suddenly aware of being perhaps the *only member* of the vast audience who had not the faintest idea who these people were.

Benny from *Crossroads* was important in the traditional scene in which one character denies that something is happening and the children yell back that it really is. The happening in question took the form of a sausage which, incredibly, kept standing up. Benny said it wasn't, the children insisted it was. In between these claims and counter-claims, the sausage appeared miraculously to have a series of erections which would have made prim Orwell search for the most profound sociological explanations.

The Krankies were a robust Clydesider and a woman, just over four feet tall, who played a schoolboy. They dominated the exchanges. "D'you think I'll get it if I walk that way". Jack, who had a mincing walk, inquired, as he set out in the direction likely to yield a free drink. "Walk that way and you're bound to get it", responded the child Krankie. This was not an anti-homosexual joke, but an anti-mincing walk joke, which is another matter entirely: progressives looking for evidence of intolerance among the masses would have been disappointed by this show. The Krankies' observations were carefully wrought.

"Someone came collecting for the old people's home... So I gave 'em me Grannie."

"The boy next to me at school was smoking. It was me that set him on fire."

In the work of, say, Mr Tom Stoppard, this sort of thing would be regarded by metropolitans as evidence of a quicksilver, almost surrealist, verbal dexterity.

"My tailor has let me down again." "Yes, I can see."

In fact, those are the opening two lines of Mr Stoppard's recent, cheering *On the Razzle*. Both that, and the Birmingham panto, are none the worse for being what they are.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

London exhibitions

Cecil Beaton: War Photographs 1939-45, (until Feb 6); The Falklands War: drawings by Linda Kitson (until Feb 13); Armoured Warfare: photographs (until March 6); Shipbuilding on the Clyde: paintings by Stanley Spencer (until June 26); all at Imperial War Museum; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.50, Sun 2 to 5.50.

Installations by Jennifer Bartlett (until Feb 13); Prints by British, European and American artists (until Feb 27); Centenary displays of work by Eric Gill and Wyndham Lewis (until May 8); Turner's Colour Studies (until June 12); all at Tate Gallery; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.50, Sun 2 to 5.50.

Display on the work of Humphrey Repton, landscape gardener (until Feb 20); Memphis: new furniture, ceramics and glass from the Memphis Studio in Milan (until Feb 10); Show Business: items from the theatre museum collection (until April 17); all at Victoria and Albert Museum; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.60, Sun 2.30 to 5.50, closed Fri.

Masterpieces of Printmaking, from 15th century to the French Revolution (until Jan 23); Edo: Arts of Japan 16th-19th Century (until April 10); both at British Museum; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 6.

Exhibitions in progress

Drawings: Technique and Purpose, Gallery of Modern Art, 81 Princess Street, **Manchester**; Mon to Sat 10 to 6, closed Sun; (until Feb 5).

Fifty Years On: paintings by Edgar Holloway; and Children, Toys and Christmas, Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Road, **Doncaster**; Mon to Thurs 10 to 5, Sat 10 to 4.50, Sun 2 to 4.50, closed Fri; (until Jan 20).

Looking at Life with L. S. Lowry: *Leicestershire Museum and Art* Gallery, New Walk, **Leicester**; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30, closed Fri; (until Feb 6).

Early Soviet Photography 1917-40, Museum and Art Gallery, Le Mans Crescent, **Bolton**; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 5, closed Wed and Sun; (until Jan 30).

Woodworks – work by crafsmen using wood, John Hansard Gallery, the University, **Southampton**; 10 to 6; (until Jan 22).

Work by Sussex artists and photographers, Museum and Art Gallery, Church Street, **Brighton**; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.45, Sun 2 to 5, closed Mon; (until Jan 30).

Your Navy, Your Heritage, Tunbridge Wells Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Mount Pleasant, **Tunbridge Wells**; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 9.30 to 5; (until Jan 15).

Last chance to see

Christmas exhibition and quiz for children, including a drawing and painting section, City Museum and Art Gallery, Drake Circus, **Plymouth**; 10 to 6; (ends today).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,023

ACROSS

1 Defender of the Basque crown? (5)
4 Officers end county contract (9)
9 Teacher's beginning to go over the Head (9)
10 Play about historian (5).
11 "Now lies the — all Danae to the stars" (Tennyson) (5).
12 Praising archbishop and a politician (9)
13 Call admissions of liability questionable (7)
15 Still gin needs shaking at sundowner time (7).
18 Elderly woman pleads for backing (7).
20 Was pressed to make a report? (7).
21 Should be paid to schoolmasters (9).
23 Girl is hard – nothing new! (5).
25 Condescend to be heard in Hamlet, perhaps (5).
26 Possibly bored about trip to town – an Essex one (9).
27 Just a method to use immediately (5,4).
28 Greatly fear race starter has come in late (5).

DOWN

1 Conceited – but broad-minded? (9)
2 Test perhaps for this runner (5).
3 Light-headed but heavy-hearted, this ballad (5-4).
4 Bowman is including right lattice-work (7).
5 The land beyond 2 in Yorkshire (7)
6 Headwear one found in Moore's halls (5)
7 Understanding a plumber's job? (9).
8 Scot described desert (5).
14 Something required for Robin's drawing? (9).
16 Fried game concoction, as Mr Micawber did finally (9).
17 Wearing bloomers in Hawaii maybe (9).
19 Seen in skyscape by East London painter? (7).
20 Hides here – the sun-parlour" (7)
21 Tree read novel when about fifty (5).
22 Music one found in Holy Writ (5).
24 Might be breathed in equatorial belt" (5).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No. 16,022 will appear next Saturday

Anniverseries

Births: **Lord Acton**, historian, Naples, 1834; **Grock (Adrien Wettach)**, clown, Reconvilier, Switzerland, 1880; **William Laud**, Archbishop of Canterbury, was executed in London, 1645. The penny post (for half an ounce) commenced, 1840. Ratification of peace with Germany was signed in Paris, 1920. The first meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations was held at Central Hall, Westminster, when all 51 members were present, 1946.

Fuel costs

The Department of Energy has published a booklet called *Compare Your Home Heating Costs* giving informatiom on the cost of different fuels and heating methods and advice on the sort of costs to expect in particular circumstances. To get a copy, write to: The Department of Energy, Room 1312, Thames House South, Millbank, SW1P 4QP.

Sporting fixtures

Racing: Chepstow (1.30), Nottingham (12.45).

Rackets: Amateur singles championships, Queen's Club, London.

Snooker: Lada Classic, Warrington.

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Nature notes

Canada geese roam about the country from lake to lake, often in large flocks, honking as they fly. They were introduces to Britain as park birds 300 years ago, and there are now many thousands of them living wild. Visiting shovelers are easily picked out from other duck by their green heads and broad chestnut flanks; close at hand, one can hear what noisy feeders they are, as they dabble their large beaks along the surface of the water. Wintering redwing and fieldfare are now widespread on farmland; the fieldfares often seek out turnip fields. The redwings seen in England are mainly birds from Scandinavia, but in Ireland the larger, darker Iceland redwing is more common.

Snowdrops are out in sheltered spots: on river-banks, the fragrant pink buds of winter heliotrope are opening. The leaves of cow parsley and Oxford ragwort are pushing up hard, and a few precocious plants are already in flower. Violet leaves are coming through in the woods; new ivy leaves have fine, pale veins. Earthworms are busy dragging dead leaves into their holes to feed on; blackbirds stand in line on a lawn, looking for the worms.

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OU leaflets

Leaflets on BBC Open University programmes are available to non-students: send large stamped addressed envelope to Information Officer, BBC Open University Production Centre, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6BH.

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000 – 12AS 684208 (winner comes from Cardiff); £50,000 – 5HT 328082 (Devonshire); £25,000 – SL 735809 (Cornwall).

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.68	1.61
Austria Sch	28.15	26.15
Belgium Fr	80.75	76.25
Canada $	2.04	1.96
Denmark Kr	13.85	13.15
Finland Mkk	8.86	8.36
France Fr	11.05	10.55
Germany DM	3.94	3.71
Greece Dr	127.00	119.00
Hongkong $	10.81	10.26
Ireland Pt	1.19	1.13
Italy Lira	2240.00	2140.00
Japan Yen	396.00	370.00
Netherlands Gld	436	4.12
Norway Kr	11.73	11.08
Portugal Esc	155.00	143.00
South Africa Rd	2.23	2.05
Spain Pta	206.00	196.00
Sweden Kr	12.13	11.48
Switzerland Fr	3.32	3.10
USA $	1.65	1.59

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 326.1.

London: The FT Index closed up 5.9 on Friday at 621.0.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 5.15 on Friday at 1076.07.

Roads

London and South-east: Central London: Earls Court one-way system busy because of Boat Show traffic. A225: Temporary signals at Sutton at Hone, on Sevenoaks to Dartford road, Kent. A21: Lane closures on Tonbridge by-pass, Kent. M4: Lane closures on London-bound carriageway from junction 5 (Langley) to junction 2 (Brentford.

Midlands and East Anglia: A41: Closed to northbound traffic at Tern Hill railway bridge, Shrewsbury; diversions via A53 and A442. A38: Roadworks on Tyburn Road and Kingsbury Road, Birmingham. A509: Single lane traffic with lights at Bozeat, Northants.

Wales and West: A3052: Temporary lights at Newton Poppleford, between Exeter and Lyme Regis. A55: By-pass construction on Chester to Ewloe road, Clwyd. A470: Temporary lights E of Machynlleth, Powys.

North: A66: Roadworks on Greta by-pass, Co Durham. A534: Single lane traffic with lights on Crewe Road at Wistaston, Cheshire; diversion signposted. A590: Lane closures between Greenodd and Ulverston, Cumbria.

Scotland: M8: Lane closures near Townhead, Glasgow. A725: Lane closures opposite Mayfield Road, Coatbridge, Strathclyde. A72: Temporary signals at Peebles, Borders.

Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

The **Mail on Sunday** says union leaders like Mr Arthur Scargill need not fear the Employment Secretary's forthcoming Green Paper, *Democracy in Trade Unions* – even the proposal that general secretaries should be reselected periodically by secret ballot. "If, as they invariably claim, they have their membership solidly behind them, a reselection process will enhance rather than damage their prestige and influence."

The **Sunday Express** claims that the results of Ford's £235m modernization programme at Halewood "have been so bad that there is a distinct possibility that the factory will close down.... How long dare we go on tolerating obstructive unions and petty restrictive practices in the smug and stupid belief that the world owes us a living?"

The **Sunday Telegraph** examines Mr Yuri Andropov's "non-stop performance on the world stage as a dove of peace" since taking over at the Kremlin two months ago. The new Soviet leader wants to avoid a war, it says, "by so dividing and muddling Western opinion as to score a hands-down propaganda victory without an armed confrontation".

The **Sunday Times** urges the British Government vigorously to oppose President Reagan's decision to resume arms sales to Guatemala. The military material could be used in a surprise attack on Belize, which is still protected by a British garrison, and in any case, the paper says, "Guatemala is a dangerously unstable recipient for any sort of arms support".

Weather forecast

A strong SW airstream covers Britain with a trough of low pressure crossing many parts.

6am to midnight

London, SE, E England, East Anglia, Midlands: Rather cloudy, bright intervals, mostly dry; wind SW, fresh to strong; max temp 10 to 12C (50 to 54F).

Central S, SW England, Channel Islands: Rather cloudy, a few bright intervals, occasional drizzle near coasts and hills, patchy fog; wind SW, fresh to strong; max temp 11 or 12C (52 to 54F).

Wales, Lake District, NW England, Isle of Man: Occasional rain or drizzle, especially near hills, some bright and drier intervals; wind SW, strong, locally gale; max temp 9 to 11C (48 to 52F).

Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Rather cloudy, a little rain at times, some bright intervals; wind SW, fresh to strong; max temp 9C (48F).

SW, NE, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, Northern Ireland: Mostly cloudy, outbreaks of rain, some hill fog patches; wind SW, strong to severe gale; max temp 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Mild with rain at times, becoming brighter and colder from N, with wintry showers.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW, fresh, occasionally strong; sea moderate or rough. St. George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW, strong, locally gale; sea rough or very rough.

Sun rises: 8.04am | Sun sets: 4.13pm

Moon rises: 4.44 am | Moon sets: 1.30 pm

New Moon: January 14

Lighting-up time

London 4.43 pm to 7.33 am
Bristol 4.53 pm to 7.42 am
Edinburgh 4.32 pm to 8.08 am
Manchester 4.41 pm to 7.51 am
Penzance 5.11 pm to 7.48 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	6	43	Guernsey	d	9	48
Birmingham	f	9	48	Inverness	f	5	41
Blackpool	c	8	46	Jersey	r	9	48
Bristol	f	10	50	London	c	11	52
Cardiff	s	10	50	Manchester	c	7	46
Edinburgh	s	6	43	Newcastle	f	7	45
Glasgow	c	7	45	Ronaldsway	c	8	46

London

Saturday: temp max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F) min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Humidity 6 pm, 71 per cent. Rain: 24 hr to 6 pm, .03in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm 5.9hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm 1034.2 millibars, falling.

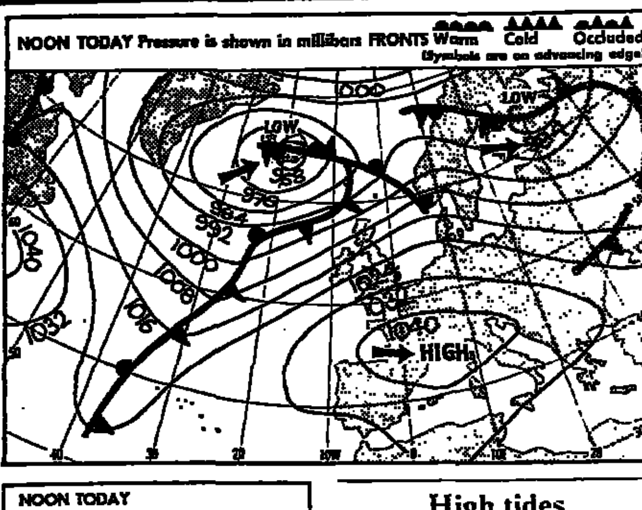
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 6 pm, 73 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, .02in. Sun 24hr to 6 pm, 1.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm 1031.9 millibars rising.

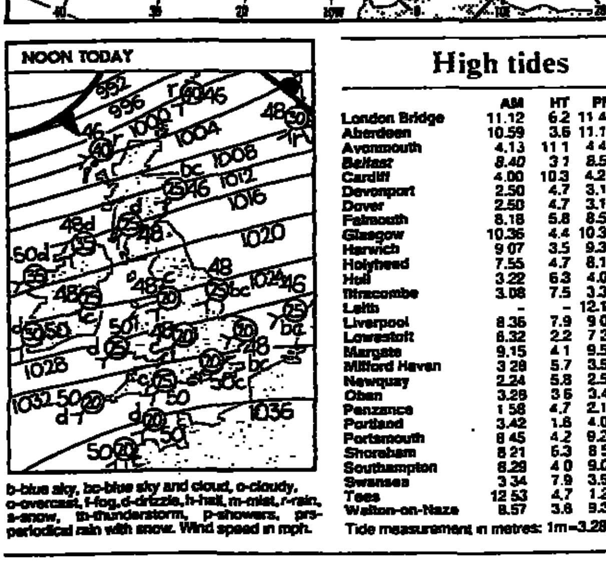
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Highest and lowest

Saturday: Highest day temp: Bardsey Island, Jersey, Newquay, 10 C (50F); lowest day max: Aviemore, 4 C (39F); highest rainfall: Ilfracombe, 0.42 in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 6.7 hr.

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Thanet, London, 12 C (54F); lowest day max: Wick, Lerwick, 4 C (39F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, 0.91 in; highest sunshine: Aberdeen, 4.9 hr.

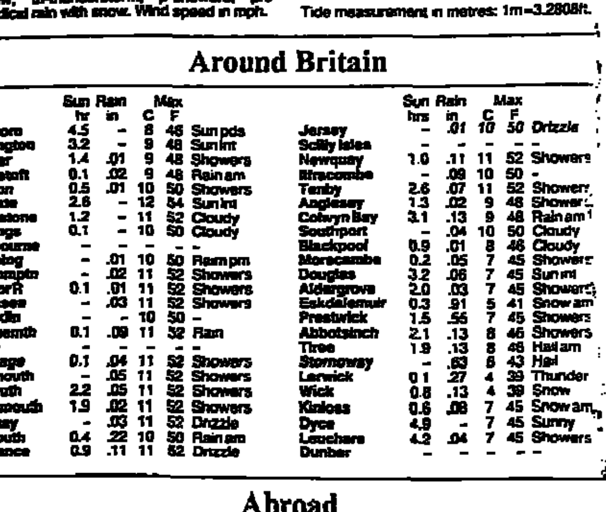




High tides

	AM	HT	PM
London Bridge	11.12	6.2	11.44
Aberdeen	10.59	3.6	11.19
Avonmouth	4.13	11.1	4.41
Belfast	8.40	3.1	8.50
Cardiff	4.00	10.3	4.28
Devonport	2.50	4.7	3.12
Dover	2.50	4.7	3.12
Falmouth	8.18	5.8	8.56
Glasgow	10.36	4.4	10.31
Harwich	9.07	3.5	9.37
Holyhead	7.55	4.7	8.18
Hull	3.22	6.3	4.02
Ilfracombe	3.08	7.5	3.34
Leith	-	-	12.10
Liverpool	8.36	7.9	9.00
Lowestoft	6.32	2.2	7.22
Margate	9.15	4.1	9.57
Milford Haven	3.28	5.7	3.55
Newquay	2.24	5.8	2.50
Oban	3.28	3.6	3.48
Penzance	1.58	4.7	2.18
Portland	3.42	1.8	4.08
Portsmouth	8.45	4.2	9.24
Shoreham	8.21	6.3	8.58
Southampton	8.29	4.0	9.01
Swansea	3.34	7.9	3.59
Tees	12.53	4.7	1.27
Walton-on-Naze	8.57	3.8	9.31

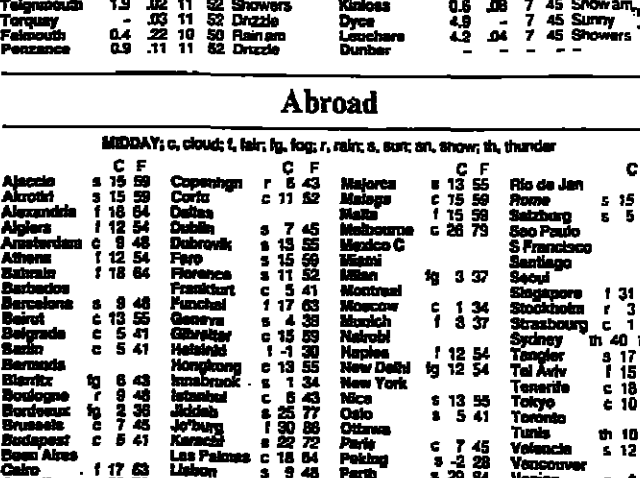
Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.



Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	4.5	-	8	46	Sun pds
Bridlington	3.2	-	9	48	Sun int
Cromer	1.4	.01	9	48	Showers
Lowestoft	0.1	.02	9	48	Rain am
Clacton	0.5	.01	10	50	Showers
Margate	2.6	-	12	54	Sun int
Folkestone	1.2	-	11	52	Cloudy
Hastings	0.1	-	10	50	Cloudy
Eastbourne	-	-	-	-	-
Worthing	-	.01	10	50	Rain pm
Littlehmptn	-	.02	11	52	Showers
Bognor R	0.1	.01	11	52	Showers
Southsea	-	.03	11	52	Showers
Shanklin	-	-	10	50	-
Bournemth	0.1	.09	11	52	Rain
Poole	-	-	-	-	-
Swanage	0.1	.04	11	52	Showers
Weymouth	-	.05	11	52	Showers
Exmouth	2.2	.05	11	52	Showers
Teignmouth	1.9	.02	11	52	Showers
Torquay	-	.03	11	52	Drizzle
Falmouth	0.4	.22	10	50	Rain am
Penzance	0.9	.11	11	52	Drizzle

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Jersey	-	.01	10	50	Drizzle
Scilly Isles	-	-	-	-	-
Newquay	1.0	.11	11	52	Showers
Ilfracombe	-	.09	10	50	-
Tenby	2.6	.07	11	52	Showers
Anglesey	1.3	.02	9	48	Showers
Colwyn Bay	3.1	.13	9	48	Rain am
Southport	-	.04	10	50	Cloudy
Blackpool	0.9	.01	8	46	Cloudy
Morecambe	0.2	.05	7	45	Showers
Douglas	3.2	.06	7	45	Sun int
Aldergrove	2.0	.03	7	45	Showers
Eskdalemuir	0.3	.91	5	41	Snow am
Prestwick	1.5	.56	7	45	Showers
Abbotsinch	2.1	.13	8	46	Showers
Tiree	1.9	.13	8	46	Hail am
Stornoway	-	.63	6	43	Hail
Lerwick	0.1	.27	4	39	Thunder
Wick	0.8	.13	4	39	Snow
Kinloss	0.6	.08	7	45	Snow am
Dyce	4.9	-	7	45	Sunny
Leuchars	4.2	.04	7	45	Showers
Dunbar	-	-	-	-	-



Abroad

MIDDAY; c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; th, thunder

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	15	59	Copenhgn	r	6	43
Akrotiri	s	15	59	Corfu	c	11	52
Alexandria	f	18	64	Dallas			
Algiers	f	12	54	Dublin	s	7	45
Amsterdam	c	9	48	Dubrovnik	s	13	55
Athens	f	12	54	Faro	s	15	59
Bahrain	f	18	64	Florence	s	11	52
Barbados				Frankfurt	c	5	41
Barcelona	s	9	48	Funchal	f	17	63
Beirut	c	13	55	Geneva	s	4	39
Belgrade	c	5	41	Gibraltar	c	15	59
Berlin	c	5	41	Helsinki	f	-1	30
Bermuda				Hongkong	c	13	55
Biarritz	fg	6	43	Innsbruck	s	1	34
Boulogne	r	9	48	Istanbul	c	6	43
Bordeaux	fg	2	36	Jiddah	s	25	77
Brussels	c	7	45	Jo'burg	f	30	86
Budapest	c	5	41	Karachi	s	22	72
Buen Aires				Las Palmas	c	18	64
Cairo	f	17	63	Lisbon	s	9	48
Cape Tn	s	23	73	Locarno	s	6	43
C'blanca	s	16	61	L Angeles			
Chicago				Luxembg	c	2	36
Cologne	r	7	45	Madrid	s	7	45

		C	F			C	F
Majorca	s	13	55	Rio de Jan			
Malaga	c	15	59	Rome	s	15	59
Malta	f	15	59	Salzburg	s	5	41
Melbourne	c	26	79	Sao Paulo			
Mexico C				S Francisco			
Miami				Santiago			
Milan	fg	3	37	Seoul			
Montreal				Singapore	f	31	88
Moscow	c	1	34	Stockholm	r	3	37
Munich	f	3	37	Strasbourg	c	1	34
Nairobi				Sydney	th	40	104
Naples	f	12	54	Tangier	s	17	63
New Delhi	fg	12	54	Tel Aviv	f	15	59
New York				Tenerife	c	18	64
Nice	s	13	55	Tokyo	c	10	50
Oslo	s	5	41	Toronto			
Ottawa				Tunis	th	10	50
Paris	c	7	45	Valencia	s	12	54
Peking	s	-2	28	Vancouver			
Perth	s	29	84	Venice	s	8	46
Prague	f	3	37	Vienna	s	5	41
Reykjavik	sn	0	32	Warsaw	f	4	39
Rhodes	f	14	57	Washington			
Riyadh	f	23	73	Zurich	s	4	39